

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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EASTSIDE HOLDINGS INC., Individually  
and On Behalf of All Others Similarly  
Situating,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.,  
JAMES E. CAYNE, ALAN D.  
SCHWARTZ, WARREN J. SPECTOR,  
SAMUEL L. MOLINARO, JR. and ALAN  
C. GREENBERG

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-CV-2793-RWS**

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RAZILL C. BECHER, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.,  
JAMES E. CAYNE, ALAN D.  
SCHWARTZ, WARREN J. SPECTOR,  
SAMUEL L. MOLINARO, JR. and ALAN  
C. GREENBERG

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-CV-2866-RWS**

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**DECLARATION OF GERALD H. SILK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF  
SICAV INVERSIONES CAMPOS DEL MONTIEL AND SAN ANTONIO FIRE &  
POLICE PENSION FUND FOR (1) APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF; (2)  
APPROVAL OF THEIR SELECTION OF COUNSEL AS LEAD COUNSEL FOR  
THE CLASS; AND (3) CONSOLIDATION OF ALL RELATED ACTIONS**



I, Gerald H. Silk, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the bars of the State of New York and of this Court. I am a partner in the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP. I submit this declaration in support of the motion filed by SICAV Inversiones Campos del Montiel (“Campos del Montiel”) and San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund (“San Antonio”) for appointment as Lead Plaintiff, approval of their selection of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP to serve as Lead Counsel for the Class, and for consolidation of all related actions.

2. Attached as Exhibits A through F are true and correct copies of the following documents:

- Exhibit A: Certification of Campos del Montiel, with attached chart of Campos del Montiel’s transactions;
- Exhibit B: Certification of San Antonio, with attached chart of San Antonio’s transactions;
- Exhibit C: Chart of Campos del Montiel’s transactions and losses;
- Exhibit D: Chart of San Antonio’s transactions and losses;
- Exhibit E: First notice of pendency of this class action;
- Exhibit F: Firm Biography of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this sixteenth day of May, 2008.

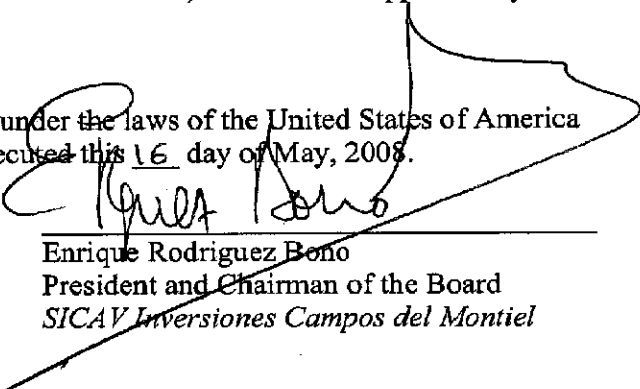
/s/ Gerald H. Silk  
Gerald H. Silk

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

I, Enrique Rodriguez Bono, on behalf of SICAV Inversiones Campos del Montiel ("Campos del Montiel"), hereby certify, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. I am the President and Chairman of the Board of Campos del Montiel. I have reviewed a complaint filed in this matter. Campos del Montiel has authorized Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP to file a motion for appointment as lead plaintiff on its behalf.
2. Campos del Montiel did not purchase the securities that are the subject of this action at the direction of counsel or in order to participate in any action arising under the federal securities laws.
3. Campos del Montiel is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of the Class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. Campos del Montiel fully understands the duties and responsibilities of the lead plaintiff under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, including the selection and retention of counsel and overseeing the prosecution of the action for the Class.
4. Campos del Montiel's transactions in the Bear Stearns Companies Inc. securities that are the subject of this action are set forth in the chart attached hereto.
5. Campos del Montiel has not sought to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of a class in any action under the federal securities laws filed during the three-year period preceding the date of this Certification.
6. Campos del Montiel will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the Class beyond Campos del Montiel's pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the Class, as ordered or approved by the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16 day of May, 2008.

  
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Enrique Rodriguez Bono  
President and Chairman of the Board  
SICAV Inversiones Campos del Montiel

**SICAV Inversiones Campos del Montiel**  
**Transactions in Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC)**

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchases	3/1/2007	2,000	\$151.2000
Purchases	3/1/2007	3,000	\$151.1500
Purchases	3/1/2007	2,000	\$151.1000
Purchases	3/7/2007	5,000	\$149.6000
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$147.0000
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$146.0000
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$145.0000
Purchases	6/8/2007	2,000	\$144.0000
Purchases	6/21/2007	4,000	\$144.0000
Purchases	6/21/2007	6,000	\$142.0000
Purchases	6/21/2007	6,000	\$142.0000
Purchases	10/31/2007	4,000	\$111.5000
Purchases	11/1/2007	5,000	\$108.5000
Purchases	12/5/2007	5,000	\$92.5500

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

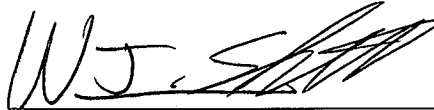
I, Warren J. Schott, on behalf of the San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund ("San Antonio"), hereby certify, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. I am the Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of San Antonio. I have reviewed a complaint filed in this matter. San Antonio has authorized Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP to file a motion for appointment as lead plaintiff on its behalf.
2. San Antonio did not purchase the securities that are the subject of this action at the direction of counsel or in order to participate in any action arising under the federal securities laws.
3. San Antonio is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of the Class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. San Antonio fully understands the duties and responsibilities of the lead plaintiff under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, including the selection and retention of counsel and overseeing the prosecution of the action for the Class.
4. San Antonio's transactions in the Bear Stearns Companies Inc. securities that are the subject of this action are set forth in the chart attached hereto.
5. San Antonio has sought to serve as a lead plaintiff and representative party on behalf of a class in the following actions under the federal securities laws filed during the three-year period preceding the date of this Certification, but either withdrew its motions for lead plaintiff or was not appointed lead plaintiff:

*In re American Italian Pasta Company Securities Litigation*, Case No. 05-cv-725 (W.D. Mo.)  
*In re Sterling Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, Case No. 07-cv-2171 (E.D. Pa.)

6. San Antonio will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the Class beyond San Antonio's pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the Class, as ordered or approved by the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed  
this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008.



Warren J. Schott  
Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer  
San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund

**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**  
**Transactions in Bear Stearns Companies Inc.**

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchases	8/23/2007	100	\$116.5401
Purchases	8/23/2007	100	\$116.4877
Purchases	8/23/2007	400	\$116.6135
Purchases	9/12/2007	100	\$109.1478
Purchases	9/12/2007	500	\$110.1238
Purchases	9/13/2007	300	\$113.7940
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$113.9353
Purchases	9/13/2007	500	\$114.3856
Purchases	9/13/2007	100	\$114.3233
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$114.2542
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$114.2499
Purchases	9/14/2007	200	\$114.0030
Purchases	9/14/2007	1,100	\$116.0677
Purchases	9/14/2007	100	\$114.1692
Purchases	9/21/2007	100	\$115.9986
Purchases	9/21/2007	200	\$116.8192
Purchases	9/21/2007	200	\$116.9573
Purchases	9/21/2007	100	\$116.0000
Purchases	9/21/2007	400	\$116.9596
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$116.0700
Purchases	9/24/2007	200	\$115.7239
Purchases	9/24/2007	300	\$115.6905
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.7959
Purchases	9/24/2007	400	\$115.8977
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.4683
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.6860
Purchases	9/25/2007	300	\$113.5870
Purchases	9/25/2007	100	\$113.5689
Purchases	9/25/2007	100	\$113.3990
Purchases	9/26/2007	400	\$116.6046
Purchases	9/26/2007	100	\$114.4468
Purchases	9/26/2007	200	\$121.2345
Purchases	9/26/2007	100	\$116.2639
Purchases	9/26/2007	200	\$117.1206
Purchases	9/27/2007	400	\$121.8286
Purchases	9/27/2007	700	\$121.9483
Purchases	9/27/2007	200	\$122.3473
Purchases	9/27/2007	100	\$122.3042
Purchases	9/27/2007	100	\$122.8039
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.2223
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.1120
Purchases	10/3/2007	400	\$127.8104
Purchases	10/3/2007	200	\$127.1500
Purchases	10/3/2007	200	\$127.2601

**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**  
**Transactions in Bear Stearns Companies Inc.**

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.0390
Purchases	10/25/2007	100	\$110.3000
Purchases	10/25/2007	100	\$110.3419
Purchases	10/29/2007	200	\$114.2930
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$114.0664
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$113.9231
Purchases	10/30/2007	200	\$114.0568
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$114.0535
Purchases	11/9/2007	300	\$96.9913
Purchases	11/12/2007	200	\$96.6854
Purchases	11/12/2007	300	\$97.7859
Purchases	11/12/2007	300	\$95.7686
Purchases	11/12/2007	100	\$95.7142
Purchases	11/12/2007	100	\$97.7050
Purchases	11/12/2007	400	\$97.7417
Purchases	11/13/2007	200	\$100.0391
Purchases	11/16/2007	300	\$98.8311
Purchases	11/16/2007	100	\$98.7539
Purchases	11/16/2007	200	\$98.9435
Purchases	11/16/2007	100	\$99.1232
Purchases	1/8/2008	200	\$73.1625
Purchases	1/8/2008	200	\$73.1213
Purchases	1/8/2008	500	\$72.5342
Purchases	1/8/2008	700	\$74.9912
Purchases	1/8/2008	100	\$73.5555
Purchases	1/8/2008	100	\$71.5650
Purchases	1/14/2008	900	\$81.6456
Purchases	1/14/2008	600	\$79.8528
Purchases	1/14/2008	200	\$80.1897
Purchases	1/15/2008	800	\$78.8998
Purchases	1/15/2008	300	\$79.4300
Purchases	1/16/2008	400	\$78.0899
Purchases	1/16/2008	200	\$78.3412
Purchases	1/16/2008	200	\$77.5768
Purchases	1/15/2008	400	\$79.5485
Purchases	1/16/2008	100	\$79.2798
Purchases	1/15/2008	100	\$77.3900
Purchases	1/15/2008	300	\$77.6042
Purchases	1/17/2008	300	\$74.2500
Purchases	1/17/2008	200	\$74.2803
Purchases	1/17/2008	100	\$74.0009
Purchases	1/17/2008	100	\$74.2086
Purchases	1/25/2008	200	\$86.5697
Purchases	1/25/2008	300	\$86.6100
Purchases	3/4/2008	800	\$75.5187
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$62.7717



**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**  
**Transactions in Bear Stearns Companies Inc.**

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$62.9000
Purchases	3/11/2008	500	\$63.2374
Purchases	3/11/2008	300	\$59.6764
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$59.6191
Purchases	3/11/2008	400	\$63.1697
Purchases	3/11/2008	100	\$59.0784
Purchases	3/11/2008	300	\$59.6155
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$59.5736

**SICAV Inversiones Campos del Montiel**

Losses in Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC)

Class Period: 12/14/06-3/14/08

Retained Share Price (3/17/08-5/15/08): \$10.0888

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Retained Share Price</u>	<u>Loss</u>
<i>Opening Balance:</i>		3,000				
Purchases	3/1/2007	2,000	\$151.2000	\$302,400.00	\$10.0888	(\$282,222.40)
Purchases	3/1/2007	3,000	\$151.1500	\$453,450.00	\$10.0888	(\$423,183.60)
Purchases	3/1/2007	2,000	\$151.1000	\$302,200.00	\$10.0888	(\$282,022.40)
Purchases	3/7/2007	5,000	\$149.6000	\$748,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$697,556.00)
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$147.0000	\$882,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$821,467.20)
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$146.0000	\$876,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$815,467.20)
Purchases	6/7/2007	6,000	\$145.0000	\$870,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$809,467.20)
Purchases	6/8/2007	2,000	\$144.0000	\$288,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$267,822.40)
Purchases	6/21/2007	4,000	\$144.0000	\$576,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$535,644.80)
Purchases	6/21/2007	6,000	\$142.0000	\$852,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$791,467.20)
Purchases	6/21/2007	6,000	\$142.0000	\$852,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$791,467.20)
Purchases	10/31/2007	4,000	\$111.5000	\$446,000.00	\$10.0888	(\$405,644.80)
Purchases	11/1/2007	5,000	\$108.5000	\$542,500.00	\$10.0888	(\$492,056.00)
Purchases	12/5/2007	5,000	\$92.5500	\$462,750.00	\$10.0888	(\$412,306.00)
		62,000		\$8,453,300.00		<b>TOTAL LOSS: (\$7,827,794.40)</b>

**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**

Losses in Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC)

Class Period: 12/14/06-3/14/08

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>
Purchases	8/23/2007	100	\$116.5401	\$11,654.01					
Purchases	8/23/2007	100	\$116.4877	\$11,648.77					
Purchases	8/23/2007	400	\$116.6135	\$46,645.40					
Purchases	9/12/2007	100	\$109.1478	\$10,914.78					
Purchases	9/12/2007	500	\$110.1238	\$55,061.90					
Purchases	9/13/2007	300	\$113.7940	\$34,138.20					
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$113.9353	\$22,787.06					
Purchases	9/13/2007	500	\$114.3856	\$57,192.80					
Purchases	9/13/2007	100	\$114.3233	\$11,432.33					
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$114.2542	\$22,850.84					
Purchases	9/13/2007	200	\$114.2499	\$22,849.98					
Purchases	9/14/2007	200	\$114.0030	\$22,800.60					
Purchases	9/14/2007	1,100	\$116.0677	\$127,674.47					
Purchases	9/14/2007	100	\$114.1692	\$11,416.92					
Purchases	9/21/2007	100	\$115.9986	\$11,599.86					
Purchases	9/21/2007	200	\$116.8192	\$23,363.84					
Purchases	9/21/2007	200	\$116.9573	\$23,391.46					
Purchases	9/21/2007	100	\$116.0000	\$11,600.00					
Purchases	9/21/2007	400	\$116.9596	\$46,783.84					
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$116.0700	\$11,607.00					
Purchases	9/24/2007	200	\$115.7239	\$23,144.78					
Purchases	9/24/2007	300	\$115.6905	\$34,707.15					
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.7959	\$11,579.59					
Purchases	9/24/2007	400	\$115.8977	\$46,359.08					
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.4683	\$11,546.83					
Purchases	9/24/2007	100	\$115.6860	\$11,568.60					
Purchases	9/25/2007	300	\$113.5870	\$34,076.10					
Purchases	9/25/2007	100	\$113.5689	\$11,356.89					
Purchases	9/25/2007	100	\$113.3990	\$11,339.90					
Purchases	9/26/2007	400	\$116.6046	\$46,641.84					
Purchases	9/26/2007	100	\$114.4468	\$11,444.68					
Purchases	9/26/2007	200	\$121.2345	\$24,246.90					
Purchases	9/26/2007	100	\$116.2639	\$11,626.39					
Purchases	9/26/2007	200	\$117.1206	\$23,424.12					
Purchases	9/27/2007	400	\$121.8286	\$48,731.44					
Purchases	9/27/2007	700	\$121.9483	\$85,363.81					

**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**

Losses in Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC)

Class Period: 12/14/06-3/14/08

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>
Purchases	9/27/2007	200	\$122.3473	\$24,469.46					
Purchases	9/27/2007	100	\$122.3042	\$12,230.42					
Purchases	9/27/2007	100	\$122.8039	\$12,280.39					
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.2223	\$12,722.23					
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.1120	\$12,711.20					
Purchases	10/3/2007	400	\$127.8104	\$51,124.16					
Purchases	10/3/2007	200	\$127.1500	\$25,430.00					
Purchases	10/3/2007	200	\$127.2601	\$25,452.02					
Purchases	10/3/2007	100	\$127.0390	\$12,703.90					
Purchases	10/25/2007	100	\$110.3000	\$11,030.00					
Purchases	10/25/2007	100	\$110.3419	\$11,034.19					
Purchases	10/29/2007	200	\$114.2930	\$22,858.60					
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$114.0664	\$11,406.64					
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$113.9231	\$11,392.31					
Purchases	10/30/2007	200	\$114.0568	\$22,811.36					
Purchases	10/30/2007	100	\$114.0535	\$11,405.35					
Purchases	11/9/2007	300	\$96.9913	\$29,097.39					
Purchases	11/12/2007	200	\$96.6854	\$19,337.08					
Purchases	11/12/2007	300	\$97.7859	\$29,335.77					
Purchases	11/12/2007	300	\$95.7686	\$28,730.58					
Purchases	11/12/2007	100	\$95.7142	\$9,571.42					
Purchases	11/12/2007	100	\$97.7050	\$9,770.50					
Purchases	11/12/2007	400	\$97.7417	\$39,096.68					
Purchases	11/13/2007	200	\$100.0391	\$20,007.82					
Purchases	11/16/2007	300	\$98.8311	\$29,649.33					
Purchases	11/16/2007	100	\$98.7539	\$9,875.39					
Purchases	11/16/2007	200	\$98.9435	\$19,788.70					
Purchases	11/16/2007	100	\$99.1232	\$9,912.32					
Purchases	1/8/2008	200	\$73.1625	\$14,632.50					
Purchases	1/8/2008	200	\$73.1213	\$14,624.26					
Purchases	1/8/2008	500	\$72.5342	\$36,267.10					
Purchases	1/8/2008	700	\$74.9912	\$52,493.84					
Purchases	1/8/2008	100	\$73.5555	\$7,355.55					
Purchases	1/8/2008	100	\$71.5650	\$7,156.50					
Purchases	1/14/2008	900	\$81.6456	\$73,481.04					
Purchases	1/14/2008	600	\$79.8528	\$47,911.68					

**San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund**

Losses in Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC)

Class Period: 12/14/06-3/14/08

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>
Purchases	1/14/2008	200	\$80.1897	\$16,037.94					
Purchases	1/15/2008	800	\$78.8998	\$63,119.84					
Purchases	1/15/2008	300	\$79.4300	\$23,829.00					
Purchases	1/16/2008	400	\$78.0899	\$31,235.96					
Purchases	1/16/2008	200	\$78.3412	\$15,668.24					
Purchases	1/16/2008	200	\$77.5768	\$15,515.36					
Purchases	1/15/2008	400	\$79.5485	\$31,819.40					
Purchases	1/16/2008	100	\$79.2798	\$7,927.98					
Purchases	1/15/2008	100	\$77.3900	\$7,739.00					
Purchases	1/15/2008	300	\$77.6042	\$23,281.26					
Purchases	1/17/2008	300	\$74.2500	\$22,275.00					
Purchases	1/17/2008	200	\$74.2803	\$14,856.06					
Purchases	1/17/2008	100	\$74.0009	\$7,400.09					
Purchases	1/17/2008	100	\$74.2086	\$7,420.86					
Purchases	1/25/2008	200	\$86.5697	\$17,313.94					
Purchases	1/25/2008	300	\$86.6100	\$25,983.00					
Purchases	3/4/2008	800	\$75.5187	\$60,414.96	Sales*	3/17/2008	(5,200)	\$4.8100	(\$25,012.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$62.7717	\$12,554.34	Sales*	3/17/2008	(2,200)	\$4.8100	(\$10,582.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$62.9000	\$12,580.00	Sales*	3/17/2008	(1,200)	\$4.8100	(\$5,772.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	500	\$63.2374	\$31,618.70	Sales*	3/17/2008	(7,000)	\$4.8100	(\$33,670.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	300	\$59.6764	\$17,902.92	Sales*	3/17/2008	(200)	\$4.8100	(\$962.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$59.6191	\$11,923.82	Sales*	3/17/2008	(1,300)	\$4.8100	(\$6,253.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	400	\$63.1697	\$25,267.88	Sales*	3/17/2008	(600)	\$4.8100	(\$2,886.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	100	\$59.0784	\$5,907.84	Sales*	3/17/2008	(1,800)	\$4.8100	(\$8,658.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	300	\$59.6155	\$17,884.65	Sales*	3/17/2008	(200)	\$4.8100	(\$962.00)
Purchases	3/11/2008	200	\$59.5736	\$11,914.72	Sales*	3/17/2008	(5,000)	\$4.8100	(\$24,050.00)
		24,700		\$2,383,122.60			(24,700)		(\$118,807.00)

**TOTAL LOSS: \$ (2,264,315.60)**

*\*Shares sold within 90 days after the end of the class period are calculated at the higher value between the actual sales price and the average closing price from the end of the class period to the date of sale.*

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## Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP Files Class Action Suit against the Bear Stearns Companies Inc

Monday March 17, 3:12 pm ET



NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP ("Coughlin Stoia") (<http://www.csgr.com/cases/bearstearns/>) today announced that a class action has been commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of purchasers of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. ("Bear Stearns") (NYSE:[BSC](#) - [News](#)) common stock during the period between December 14, 2006 and March 14, 2008 (the "Class Period").

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If you wish to serve as lead plaintiff, you must move the Court no later than 60 days from today. If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests, please contact plaintiff's counsel, Samuel H. Rudman and David Rosenfeld of Coughlin Stoia at 800/449-4900 or 619/231-1058, or via e-mail at [dj@csgr.com](mailto:djr@csgr.com). If you are a member of this class, you can view a copy of the complaint as filed or join this class action online at <http://www.csgr.com/cases/bearstearns/>. Any member of the purported class may move the Court to serve as lead plaintiff through counsel of their choice, or may choose to do nothing and remain an absent class member.

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The complaint charges Bear Stearns and certain of its officers and directors with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Bear Stearns, through its broker-dealer and international bank subsidiaries, provides investment banking, securities and derivatives trading, clearance, and brokerage services worldwide.

The complaint alleges that during the Class Period, defendants issued materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's business and financial results. As a result of defendants' false statements, Bear Stearns stock traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period, reaching a high of \$159.36 per share in April 2007. In late June 2007, news about Bear Stearns' risky hedge funds began to enter the market and its stock price began to fall. On March 10, 2008, information leaked into the market about Bear Stearns' liquidity problems, causing the stock to drop to as low as \$60.26 per share before closing at \$62.30 per share. On March 13, 2008, news that Bear Stearns was forced to seek emergency financing from the Federal Reserve and J.P. Morgan Chase hit the market and Bear Stearns stock fell to \$30 per share. Then, on Sunday, March 16, 2008, it was announced that J.P. Morgan Chase was purchasing Bear Stearns for \$2 per share. By midday on Monday, March 17, 2008, Bear Stearns

stock had collapsed another 85% to \$4.30 per share on volume of 75 million shares.

According to the complaint, the Company's Class Period statements were materially false due to defendants' failure to inform the market of the problems in the Company's hedge funds due to the deteriorating subprime mortgage market, which would cause Bear Stearns to have to rescue the funds, cause the Company and its officers possible criminal liability and hurt the Company's reputation.

Plaintiff seeks to recover damages on behalf of all purchasers of Bear Stearns common stock during the Class Period (the "Class"). The plaintiff is represented by Coughlin Stoia, which has expertise in prosecuting investor class actions and extensive experience in actions involving financial fraud.

Coughlin Stoia, a 190-lawyer firm with offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boca Raton, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Atlanta, is active in major litigations pending in federal and state courts throughout the United States and has taken a leading role in many important actions on behalf of defrauded investors, consumers, and companies, as well as victims of human rights violations. The Coughlin Stoia Web site (<http://www.csgr.com>) has more information about the firm.

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Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, a firm of over 50 attorneys in offices located in New York, California, New Jersey, and Louisiana, prosecutes class and private actions, nationwide, on behalf of individual and institutional clients. The firm's litigation practice concentrates in the areas of securities class actions in federal and state courts; corporate governance litigation, including claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations; antitrust; prosecuting violations of federal and state anti-discrimination laws and vindication of employee rights; and consumer class actions. We also handle, on behalf of major institutional clients and lenders, more general complex commercial litigation involving allegations of breach of contract, accountants' liability, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and negligence.

We are the nation's leading firm in representing institutional investors in securities fraud class action litigation. The firm's institutional client base includes the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, the largest public pension funds in North America, collectively managing over \$300 billion in assets; the Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association (LACERA); the Chicago Municipal, Police and Labor Retirement Systems; the State of Wisconsin Investment Board; the Retirement Systems of Alabama; the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds; the City of Detroit Pension Systems; the Houston Firefighters' and Municipal Employees' Pension Funds; the Louisiana School, State, Teachers and Municipal Police Retirement Systems; the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago; the New Jersey Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury; TIAA-CREF and other private institutions; as well as numerous other public and Taft-Hartley pension entities.

Since its founding in 1983, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP has litigated some of the most complex cases in history and has obtained over \$20 billion on behalf of investors. Unique among its peers, the firm has negotiated the largest settlements ever agreed to by public companies related to securities fraud, and obtained five of the ten largest securities recoveries in history.

As Co-Lead Counsel for the Class representing Lead Plaintiff the New York State Common Retirement Fund in *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, arising from the financial fraud and subsequent bankruptcy at WorldCom, Inc., we obtained unprecedented settlements from the investment bank defendants who underwrote WorldCom bonds totaling more than \$6 billion, the second largest securities recovery in history. Additionally, all of the former WorldCom Director Defendants agreed to pay over \$60 million to settle the claims against them. An unprecedented first for outside directors, \$24.75 million of that amount is coming out of the pockets of the individuals—20% of their collective net worth. Also, after four weeks of trial, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom's former auditor, settled for \$65 million. In July 2005, settlements had been reached with the former executives of WorldCom, bringing the total obtained for the Class to over \$6.15 billion.



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The firm was also Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for more than \$3 billion in cash. This settlement is the largest ever recovered from a public company and a public accounting firm and includes some of the most significant corporate governance changes ever achieved through securities class action litigation. The firm represented Lead Plaintiffs CalPERS, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the New York City Pension Funds on behalf of all purchasers of Cendant securities during the class period. In 2006, the firm also recovered over \$1.3 billion for investors in Nortel Networks, and recent settlements in *In re McKesson HBOC Inc. Securities Litigation* total over \$1 billion in monies recovered for investors. Additionally, the firm was lead counsel in the celebrated *In re Washington Public Power Supply System Litigation*, which, after seven years of litigation and three months of jury trial, resulted in what was then the largest securities fraud recovery ever – over \$750 million.

The firm's prosecution of Arthur Andersen LLP, for Andersen's role in the 1999 collapse of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona ("BFA"), received intense national and international media attention. As lead trial counsel for the defrauded BFA investors, the firm obtained a cash settlement of \$217 million from Andersen in May 2002, after six days of what was scheduled to be a three month trial. In combination with prospective BFA asset sales and a settlement with BFA's former law firm, it is expected that the over 11,000 retirees and investors will recover over 70% of their losses. The case was covered in great detail by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, "60 Minutes II," National Public Radio, and the BBC, as well as various other international news outlets.

Equally important, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP has successfully advanced novel and socially beneficial principles by developing important new law in the areas in which we litigate.

The firm served as co-lead counsel on behalf of Texaco's African-American employees in *Roberts v. Texaco Inc.*, which similarly resulted in the largest settlement ever in a race discrimination case. The creation of a Task Force to oversee Texaco's human resources activities for five years was unprecedented and will, undoubtedly, serve as a model for public companies into the next century.

On behalf of twelve public pension funds, including the New York State Common Retirement Fund, CalPERS, LACERA, and other institutional investors, the firm successfully prosecuted *McCall v. Scott*, a derivative suit filed against the directors and officers of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation, the subject of the largest health care fraud investigation in history. This settlement, announced in February 2003, included a landmark corporate governance plan which went well beyond all recently enacted regulatory reforms, greatly enhancing the corporate governance structure in place at HCA.

In the consumer field, the firm has gained a nationwide reputation for vigorously protecting the rights of individuals and for achieving exceptional settlements. In several instances, the firm has obtained recoveries for consumer classes that represented the entirety of the class' losses – an extraordinary result in consumer class cases. Additionally, the firm has become a leader in the area of Internet Privacy and is counsel in several of the seminal cases that have been brought on behalf of Internet users whose personal information is being intercepted and sent to Web-based companies.

Our firm is dedicated to litigating with the highest level of professional competence, striving to secure the maximum possible recovery for our clients in the most efficient and professionally responsible manner. In those cases where we have served as either lead counsel or as a member of plaintiffs' executive committee, the firm has recovered billions of dollars for our clients.

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## **THE FIRM'S PRACTICE AREAS**

### **Securities Fraud Litigation**

Securities fraud litigation is the cornerstone of the firm's class action litigation practice. Since its founding, the firm has tried and settled many high profile securities fraud class actions and continues to play a leading role in major securities litigation pending in federal and state courts. Moreover, since passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which sought to encourage institutional investors to become more pro-active in securities fraud class action litigation, the firm has become the nation's leader in representing institutional investors in securities fraud and derivative litigation.

The firm has the distinction of having prosecuted many of the most complex and high-profile cases in securities law history, recovering billions of dollars and obtaining unprecedented corporate governance reforms on behalf of our clients. Several of the firm's high-profile current prosecutions and outstanding accomplishments as class counsel are detailed in our Recent Actions and Significant Recoveries section beginning on page 8.

The attorneys in the securities fraud litigation practice group have extensive experience in the laws that regulate the securities markets and in the disclosure requirements of corporations that issue publicly traded securities. Many of the attorneys in this practice group also have accounting backgrounds and one is a certified public accountant. The group has access to state-of-the-art, online financial wire services and databases, which enable them to instantaneously investigate any potential securities fraud action involving a public company's debt and equity securities.

### **Corporate Governance and Shareholders' Rights**

The corporate governance and shareholders' rights practice group prosecutes derivative actions, claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations on behalf of individual and institutional investors in state and federal courts throughout the country. The group has prosecuted actions challenging numerous highly publicized corporate transactions which violated fair process and fair price, and the applicability of the business judgment rule. The group has also addressed issues of corporate waste, shareholder voting rights claims, and executive compensation. As a result of the firm's high profile and widely recognized capabilities, the corporate governance practice group is increasingly in demand by institutional investors who are exercising a more assertive voice with corporate boards regarding corporate governance issues and the board's accountability to shareholders. A major component of the *Cendant* settlement referenced above is Cendant's agreement to adopt the most extensive corporate governance changes in history.

Recent examples of highly successful M&A litigation conducted by Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann include the widely publicized lawsuit arising from the proposed acquisition of Caremark Corp. by CVS Corp.—which led to an increase of approximately \$3.5 billion in the consideration offered to shareholders—as well as the lawsuit over an attempted buyout of Cablevision Corp. by its controlling family—which, although still ongoing, has resulted in an increase of over \$2.2 billion in the consideration currently on offer to Cablevision shareholders. The firm is actively involved in litigating numerous cases in this area of law, an area that has become increasingly important in light of efforts by various market participants to buy companies from their public shareholders “on the cheap.”

### **Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights**

The employment discrimination and civil rights practice group prosecutes class and multi-plaintiff actions, and other high impact litigation against employers and other societal institutions that violate federal or state employment, anti-discrimination, and civil rights laws. The practice group represents diverse clients on a wide range of issues including Title VII actions, race, gender, sexual orientation and age discrimination suits, sexual harassment and “glass ceiling” cases in which otherwise qualified employees are passed over for promotions to managerial or executive positions.

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Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is committed to effecting positive social change in the workplace and in society. The practice group has the necessary financial and human resources to ensure that the class action approach to discrimination and civil rights issues is successful. This litigation method serves to empower employees and other civil rights victims, who are usually discouraged from pursuing litigation because of personal financial limitations, and offers the potential for effecting the greatest positive change for the greatest number of people affected by discriminatory practice in the workplace. As stated, the firm's practice group recently settled the *Texaco* racial discrimination lawsuit for \$176 million, the largest settlement in the history of employment discrimination cases.

## **Consumer Advocacy**

The consumer advocacy practice group at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP prosecutes cases across the entire spectrum of consumer rights, consumer fraud, and consumer protection issues. The firm represents victimized consumers in state and federal courts nationwide in individual and class action lawsuits that seek to provide consumers and purchasers of defective products with a means to recover their damages. The attorneys in this group are well versed in the vast array of laws and regulations that govern consumer interests and are aggressive, effective, court-tested litigators. The consumer practice advocacy group has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for millions of consumers throughout the country. Most notably, in a number of cases, the firm has obtained recoveries for the class that were the entirety of the potential damages suffered by the consumer. For example, in recent actions against MCI and Empire Blue Cross, the firm recovered all of the damages suffered by the class. The group has achieved its successes by advancing innovative claims and theories of liabilities, such as obtaining decisions in Pennsylvania and Illinois appellate courts that adopted a new theory of consumer damages in mass marketing cases. Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is, thus, able to lead the way in protecting the rights of consumers. For example, the firm is a recognized leader in Internet privacy, where it prosecuted several seminal cases on behalf of Web users whose personal information has been unwittingly intercepted and sent to Internet companies in violation of federal statutes and state law.

## **THE COURTS SPEAK**

Throughout the firm's history, many courts have recognized the professional competence and diligence of the firm and its members. A few examples are set forth below.

Judge Denise Cote (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) has noted, several times on the record, the quality of BLB&G's ongoing representation of the Class in *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Judge Cote on December 16, 2003:

"I have the utmost confidence in plaintiffs' counsel . . . they have been doing a superb job. . . . The Class is extraordinarily well represented in this litigation."

In granting final approval of the \$2.575 billion settlement obtained from the Citigroup Defendants, Judge Cote again praised BLB&G's efforts:

"The magnitude of this settlement is attributable in significant part to Lead Counsel's advocacy and energy....The quality of the representation given by Lead Counsel...has been superb...and is unsurpassed in this Court's experience with plaintiffs' counsel in securities litigation. Lead Counsel has been energetic and creative.... Its negotiations with the Citigroup Defendants have resulted in a settlement of historic proportions."

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In February 2005, at the conclusion of trial of *In re Clarent Corporation Securities Litigation*, The Honorable Charles R. Breyer of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California praised the efforts of counsel: “It was the best tried case I’ve witnessed in my years on the bench....[A]n extraordinarily civilized way of presenting the issues to you [the jury]....We’ve all been treated to great civility and the highest professional ethics in the presentation of the case.... The evidence was carefully presented to you....They got dry subject matter and made it interesting... [brought] the material alive... good trial lawyers can do that.... I’ve had fascinating criminal trials that were far less interesting than this case. [I]t’s a great thing to be able to see another aspect of life... It keeps you young...vibrant... [and] involved in things... These trial lawyers are some of the best I’ve ever seen.”

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In granting the Court’s approval of the resolution and prosecution of *McCall v. Scott*, a shareholder derivative lawsuit against certain former senior executives of HCA Healthcare (formerly Columbia/HCA), Senior Judge Thomas A. Higgins (United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee) said that the settlement “confers an exceptional benefit upon the company and the shareholders by way of the corporate governance plan. . . . Counsel’s excellent qualifications and reputations are well documented in the record, and they have litigated this complex case adeptly and tenaciously throughout the six years it has been pending. They assumed an enormous risk and have shown great patience by taking this case on a contingent basis, and despite an early setback they have persevered and brought about not only a large cash settlement but sweeping corporate reforms that may be invaluable to the beneficiaries.”

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Judge Walls (District of New Jersey), in approving the \$3.2 billion *Cendant* settlement, said that the recovery from all defendants, which represents a 37% recovery to the Class, “far exceeds recovery rates of any case cited by the parties.” The Court also held that the \$335 million separate recovery from E&Y is “large” when “[v]iewed in light of recoveries against accounting firms for securities damages.” In granting Lead Counsel’s fee request, the Court determined that “there is no other catalyst for the present settlement than the work of Lead Counsel. . . . This Court, and no other judicial officer, has maintained direct supervision over the parties from the outset of litigation to the present time. In addition to necessary motion practice, the parties regularly met with and reported to the Court every five or six weeks during this period about the status of negotiations between them. . . . [T]he Court has no reason to attribute a portion of the Cendant settlement to others’ efforts; Lead Counsel were the only relevant material factors for the settlement they directly negotiated.” The Court found that “[t]he quality of result, measured by the size of settlement, is very high. . . . The Cendant settlement amount alone is over three times larger than the next largest recovery achieved to date in a class action case for violations of the securities laws, and approximately ten times greater than any recovery in a class action case involving fraudulent financial statements. . . . The E&Y settlement is the largest amount ever paid by an accounting firm in a securities class action.” The Court went on to observe that “the standing, experience and expertise of the counsel, the skill and professionalism with which counsel prosecuted the case and the performance and quality of opposing counsel were high in this action. Lead Counsel are experienced securities litigators who ably prosecuted the action.” The Court concluded that this Action resulted in “excellent settlements of uncommon amount engineered by highly skilled counsel with reasonable cost to the class.”

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After approving the settlement in *Alexander v. Pennzoil Company*, the Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas ended the settlement hearing by praising our firm for the quality of the settlement and our commitment to effectuating change in the workplace. “... the lawyers for the plaintiffs ... did a tremendous, tremendous job. ... not only in the monetary result obtained, but the substantial and very innovative programmatic relief that the plaintiffs have obtained in this case ... treating people fairly and with respect can only inure to the benefit of everybody concerned. I think all these lawyers did an outstanding job trying to make sure that that’s the kind of thing that this case left behind.”

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On February 23, 2001, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval of the \$259 million cash settlement in *In re 3Com Securities Litigation*, the largest settlement of a securities class action in the Ninth Circuit since the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act was passed in 1995, and the fourth largest recovery ever obtained in a securities class action. The district court, in an Order entered on March 9, 2001, specifically commented on the quality of counsel's efforts and the settlement, holding that "counsel's representation [of the class] was excellent, and ... the results they achieved were substantial and extraordinary." The Court described our firm as "among the most experienced and well qualified in this country in [securities fraud] litigation."

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United States District Judge Todd J. Campbell of the Middle District of Tennessee heard arguments on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction in *Cason v. Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation Litigation*, the highly publicized discriminatory lending class action, on September 5, 2001. He exhibited his own brand of candor in commenting on the excellent work of counsel in this matter: "In fact, the lawyering in this case... is as good as I've seen in any case. So y'all are to be commended for that."

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In approving the \$30 million settlement in the *Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. Securities Litigation*, the Honorable Ann L. Aiken of the Federal District Court in Oregon, praised the recovery and the work of counsel. She stated that, "...without a doubt...this is a...tremendous result as a result of very fine work...by the...attorneys in this case."

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The Honorable Judge Edward A. Infante of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California expressed high praise for the settlement and the expertise of plaintiffs' counsel when he approved the final settlement in the *Wright v. MCI Communications Corporation* consumer class action. "The settlement. . . is a very favorable settlement to the class. . . to get an 85% result was extraordinary, and plaintiffs' counsel should be complimented for it on this record. . . . The recommendations of experienced counsel weigh heavily on the court. The lawyers before me are specialists in class action litigation. They're well known to me, particularly Mr. Berger, and I have confidence that if Mr. Berger and the other plaintiffs' counsel think this is a good, well-negotiated settlement, I find it is." The case was settled for \$14.5 million.

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At the *In re Computron Software, Inc. Securities Litigation* settlement hearing, Judge Alfred J. Lechner, Jr. of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey approved the final settlement and commended Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann's efforts on behalf of the Class. "I think the job that was done here was simply outstanding. I think all of you just did a superlative job and I'm appreciat[ive] not only for myself, but the court system and the plaintiffs themselves. The class should be very, very pleased with the way this turned out, how expeditiously it's been moved." *In re Computron Software, Inc. Securities Litigation* was a securities fraud class action filed on behalf of shareholders who purchased Computron common stock at inflated prices due to alleged misrepresentation about the company's financial obligation. The case settled for \$15 million dollars.

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The *In re Louisiana-Pacific Corporation Securities Litigation*, filed in the United States District Court, District of Oregon, was a securities class action alleging fraud and misrepresentations in connection with the sale of defective building materials. Our firm, together with co-lead counsel, negotiated a settlement of \$65.1 million, the largest securities fraud settlement in Oregon history, which was approved by Judge Robert Jones on February 12, 1997. The Court there recognized that "... the work that is involved in this case could only be accomplished through the unique talents of plaintiffs' lawyers . . . which involved a talent that is not just simply available in the mainstream of litigators."

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Judge Kimba M. Wood of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, who presided over the six-week securities fraud class action jury trial in *In re ICN/Viratek Securities Litigation*, also recently praised our firm for the quality of the representation afforded to the class and the skill and expertise demonstrated throughout the litigation and trial especially. The Court commented that “. . . plaintiffs’ counsel did a superb job here on behalf of the class. . . This was a very hard fought case. You had very able, superb opponents, and they put you to your task. . . The trial work was beautifully done and I believe very efficiently done. . .”

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Similarly, the Court in the *In re Prudential-Bache Energy Income Partnership Securities Litigation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, recognized Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP’s “. . . professional standing among its peers.” In that case, which was settled for \$120 million, our firm served as Chair of Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee.

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In the landmark securities fraud case, *In re Washington Public Power Supply System Litigation* (United States District Court, District of Arizona), the district court called the quality of representation “exceptional,” noting that “[t]his was a case of overwhelmingly unique proportions. . . a rare and exceptional case involving extraordinary services on behalf of Class plaintiffs.” The Court also observed that “[a] number of attorneys dedicated significant portions of their professional careers to this litigation, . . . champion[ing] the cause of Class members in the face of commanding and vastly outnumbering opposition. . . [and] in the face of uncertain victory. . . . [T]hey succeeded admirably.”

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Likewise, in *In re Electro-Catheter Securities Litigation*, where our firm served as co-lead counsel, Judge Nicholas Politan of the United States District Court for New Jersey said:

Counsel in this case are highly competent, very skilled in this very specialized area and were at all times during the course of the litigation...always well prepared, well spoken, and knew their stuff and they were a credit to their profession. They are the top of the line.

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In our ongoing prosecution of the *In re Bennett Funding Group Securities Litigation*, the largest “Ponzi scheme” fraud in history, partial settlements totaling over \$140 million have been negotiated for the class. While the action continues to be prosecuted against other defendants, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York has already found our firm to have been “extremely competent” and of “great skill” in representing the class.

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Judge Sarokin of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, after approving the \$30 million settlement in *In re First Fidelity Bancorporation Securities Litigation*, a case in which we were lead counsel, praised the “. . . outstanding competence and performance” of the plaintiffs’ counsel and expressed “admiration” for our work in the case.



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## RECENT ACTIONS & SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Currently, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is counsel in many diverse nationwide class and individual actions and has obtained many of the largest and most significant recoveries in history. Some examples from our practice groups include:

### Securities Class Actions

***In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) The largest securities fraud class action in history. The court appointed BLB&G client the **New York State Common Retirement Fund** as Lead Plaintiff and the firm as Lead Counsel for the class in this securities fraud action arising from the financial fraud and subsequent bankruptcy at WorldCom, Inc. The complaints in this litigation allege that WorldCom and others disseminated false and misleading statements to the investing public regarding its earnings and financial condition in violation of the federal securities and other laws. As a result, investors suffered tens of billions of dollars in losses. The Complaint further alleges a nefarious relationship between Citigroup subsidiary Salomon Smith Barney and WorldCom, carried out primarily by Salomon employees involved in providing investment banking services to WorldCom (most notably, Jack Grubman, Salomon's star telecommunications analyst), and by WorldCom's former CEO and CFO, Bernard J. Ebbers and Scott Sullivan, respectively. On November 5, 2004, the Court granted final approval of the \$2.575 billion cash settlement to settle all claims against the Citigroup defendants. In mid-March 2005, on the eve of trial, the 13 remaining "underwriter defendants," including J.P. Morgan Chase, Deutsche Bank and Bank of America, agreed to pay settlements totaling nearly \$3.5 billion to resolve all claims against them, bringing the total over \$6 billion. Additionally, by March 21, 2005, the day before trial was scheduled to begin, all of the former WorldCom Director Defendants had agreed to pay over \$60 million to settle the claims against them. An unprecedented first for outside directors, \$24.75 million of that amount is coming out of the pockets of the individuals— 20% of their collective net worth. The case generated headlines across the country—and across the globe—and is changing the way Wall Street does business. In the words of Lynn Turner, a former SEC chief accountant, the settlement sent a message to directors "that their own personal wealth is at risk if they're not diligent in

their jobs." After four weeks of trial, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom's former auditor, settled for \$65 million. In July 2005, settlements were reached with the former executives of WorldCom, bringing the total obtained for the Class to over \$6.15 billion.

***In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court, District of New Jersey) Securities class action filed against Cendant Corporation, its officers and directors and Ernst & Young, its auditors. Cendant settled the action for \$2.8 billion and Ernst & Young settled for \$335 million. The settlements are the third largest in history in a securities fraud action. Plaintiffs allege that the company disseminated materially false and misleading financial statements concerning CUC's revenues, earnings and expenses for its 1997 fiscal year. As a result of company-wide accounting irregularities, Cendant has restated its financial results for its 1995, 1996 and 1997 fiscal years and all fiscal quarters therein. The firm represents Lead Plaintiffs **CalPERS - the California Public Employees Retirement System**, the **New York State Common Retirement Fund** and the **New York City Pension Funds**, the three largest public pension funds in America, in this action.

***Baptist Foundation of Arizona v. Arthur Andersen, LLP*** -- (Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Maricopa) Firm client, the **Baptist Foundation of Arizona Liquidation Trust** ("BFA") filed a lawsuit charging its former auditors, the "Big Five" accounting firm of Arthur Andersen LLP, with negligence in conducting its annual audits of BFA's financial statements for a 15-year period beginning in 1984, and culminating in BFA's bankruptcy in late 1999. Investors lost hundreds of millions of dollars as a result of BFA's demise. The lawsuit alleges that Andersen ignored evidence of corruption and mismanagement by BFA's former senior management team and failed to investigate suspicious transactions related to the mismanagement. These oversights of accounting work, which were improper under generally accepted accounting principles,

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allowed BFA's undisclosed losses to escalate to hundreds of million of dollars, and ultimately resulted in its demise. On May 6, 2002, after one week of trial, Andersen agreed to pay \$217 million to settle the litigation. The court approved the settlement on September 13, 2002 and, ultimately, investors are expected to recover 70% of their losses.

***In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation*** -- ("Nortel II") (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) Securities fraud class action on behalf of persons and entities who purchased or acquired the common stock of Nortel Networks Corporation. The action charges Nortel, and certain of its officers and directors, with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, alleging that the defendants knowingly or, at a minimum, recklessly made false and misleading statements with respect to Nortel's financial results during the relevant period. BLB&G clients the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board and the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment were appointed as Co-Lead Plaintiffs for the Class, and BLB&G was appointed Lead Counsel for the Class by the court in July 2004. On February 8, 2006, BLB&G and Lead Plaintiffs announced that they and another plaintiff had reached an historic agreement in principle with Nortel to settle litigation pending against the Company for approximately \$2.4 billion in cash and Nortel common stock (all figures in US dollars). The Nortel II portion of the settlement totaled approximately \$1.2 billion. Nortel later announced that its insurers had agreed to pay \$228.5 million toward the settlement, bringing the total amount of the global settlement to approximately \$2.7 billion, and the total amount of the Nortel II settlement to over \$1.3 billion.

***HealthSouth Corporation Bondholder Litigation*** -- (United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama {Southern Division}) On March 19, 2003, the investment community was stunned by the charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission against Birmingham, Alabama based HealthSouth Corporation and its former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Richard M. Scrushy, alleging a "massive accounting fraud." Stephen M. Cutler, the SEC's Director of Enforcement, said "HealthSouth's fraud represents an appalling betrayal of investors." According to the SEC, HealthSouth overstated its earnings by at least \$1.4 billion since 1999 at the direction of Mr. Scrushy. Subsequent revelations have disclosed that the overstatement actually exceeded over \$2.4 billion, virtually wiping

out all of HealthSouth's reported profits for the last five years. A number of executives at HealthSouth, including its most senior accounting officers -- including every chief financial officer in HealthSouth's history -- have pleaded guilty to criminal fraud charges. In the wake of these disclosures, numerous securities class action lawsuits have been filed against HealthSouth and certain individual defendants. On June 24, 2003, the Honorable Karon O. Bowdre of the District Court appointed the **Retirement Systems of Alabama** to serve as Lead Plaintiff on behalf of a class of all purchasers of HealthSouth bonds who suffered a loss as a result of the fraud. Judge Bowdre appointed BLB&G to serve as Co-Lead Counsel for the bondholder class. On February 22, 2006, the RSA announced that it and several other institutional plaintiffs leading investor lawsuits arising from the corporate scandal at HealthSouth Corporation had reached a class action settlement with HealthSouth, certain of the company's former directors and officers, and certain of the company's insurance carriers. The total consideration to be paid in the settlement is approximately \$445 million. The action continues against the remaining defendants.

***In re McKesson HBOC, Inc. Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court, Northern District of California) Securities fraud litigation filed on behalf of purchasers of HBOC, McKesson and McKesson HBOC securities. On April 28, 1999, the Company issued the first of several press releases which announced that, due to its improper recognition of revenue from contingent software sales, it would have to restate its previously reported financial results. Immediately thereafter, McKesson HBOC common stock lost \$9 billion in market value. On July 14, 1999, the Company announced that it was restating \$327.8 million of revenue improperly recognized in the HBOC segment of its business during the fiscal years ending March 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999. The complaint alleges that, during the Class Period, Defendants issued materially false and misleading statements to the investing public concerning HBOC's and McKesson HBOC's financial results, which had the effect of artificially inflating the prices of HBOC's and the Company's securities. On September 28, 2005, the court granted preliminary approval of a \$960 million settlement which BLB&G and its client, Lead Plaintiff the **New York State Common Retirement Fund**, obtained from the company. On December 19, 2006, defendant Arthur Andersen agreed to pay \$72.5 million in cash to settle all claims asserted against it. This settlement brings the total recovery to more than



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\$1 billion for distribution to eligible Settlement Class Members. The action continues against remaining defendant Bear Stearns.

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, et al. v. Freddie Mac, et al.*** -- (United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio {Eastern Division}) Securities fraud class action filed on behalf of the **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System** and the **State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio** against the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") and certain of its current and former officers. The Class includes all purchasers of Freddie Mac common stock during the period July 15, 1999 through June 6, 2003. The Complaint alleges that Freddie Mac and certain current or former officers of the Company issued false and misleading statements in connection with Company's previously reported financial results. Specifically, the complaint alleges that the defendants misrepresented the Company's operations and financial results by having engaged in numerous improper transactions and accounting machinations that violated fundamental GAAP precepts in order to artificially smooth the Company's earnings and to hide earnings volatility. On November 21, 2003, Freddie Mac restated its previously reported earnings in connection with these improprieties, ultimately restating more than \$5.0 billion in earnings. In October 2005, with document review nearly complete, Lead Plaintiffs began deposition discovery. On April 25, 2006, the parties reported to the Court that they had reached an agreement in principle to settle the case for \$410 million. On October 26, 2006, the Court granted final approval of the settlement.

***In re Washington Public Power Supply System Litigation*** -- (United States District Court, District of Arizona) Commenced in 1983, the firm was appointed Chair of the Executive Committee responsible for litigating the action on behalf of the class. The action involved an estimated 200 million pages of documents produced in discovery; the depositions of 285 fact witnesses and 34 expert witnesses; more than 25,000 introduced exhibits; six published district court opinions; seven appeals or attempted appeals to the Ninth Circuit; and a three-month jury trial, which resulted in a settlement of over \$750 million -- then the largest securities fraud settlement ever achieved.

***In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court for the District of New Jersey) A securities fraud class action filed on behalf of purchasers of the common stock of

Lucent Technologies, Inc. from October 26, 1999 through December 20, 2000. In the action, BLB&G served as Co-Lead Counsel for the shareholders and Lead Plaintiffs, the **Parnassus Fund** and **Teamsters Locals 175 & 505 D&P Pension Trust**, and also represented the **Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System** and the **Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System**. Lead Plaintiffs' complaint charged Lucent with making false and misleading statements to the investing public concerning its publicly reported financial results and failing to disclose the serious problems in its optical networking business. When the truth was disclosed, Lucent admitted that it had improperly recognized revenue of nearly \$679 million in fiscal 2000. On September 23, 2003, the Court granted preliminary approval of the agreement to settle this litigation, a package which is currently valued at approximately \$517 million composed of cash, stock and warrants. The appointment of BLB&G as Co-Lead Counsel is especially noteworthy as it marks the first time since the 1995 passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that a court has reopened the lead plaintiff or lead counsel selection process to account for changed circumstances, new issues and possible conflicts between new and old allegations.

***In re Williams Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma) Securities fraud class action filed on behalf of a class of all persons or entities that purchased or otherwise acquired certain securities of The Williams Companies. The action alleged securities claims pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933. After a massive discovery and intensive litigation effort, which included taking more than 150 depositions and reviewing in excess of 18 million pages of documents, BLB&G and its clients, the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, announced an agreement to settle the litigation against all defendants for \$311 million in cash on June 13, 2006. The recovery is among the largest recoveries ever in a securities class action in which the corporate defendant did not restate its financial results.

***In re DaimlerChrysler Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court for the District of Delaware) A securities class action filed against defendants DaimlerChrysler AG, Daimler-Benz AG and two of DaimlerChrysler's top executives, charging that Defendants acted in bad faith and misrepresented the nature of the 1998 merger between Daimler-Benz AG and the Chrysler

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Corporation. According to plaintiffs, defendants framed the transaction as a “merger of equals,” rather than an acquisition, in order to avoid paying an “acquisition premium.” Plaintiffs’ Complaint alleges that Defendants made this representation to Chrysler shareholders in the August 6, 1998 Registration Statement, Prospectus, and Proxy, leading 97% of Chrysler shareholders to approve the merger. BLB&G is court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel for Co-Lead Plaintiffs the **Chicago Municipal Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund** and the **Chicago Policemen’s Annuity and Benefit Fund**. BLB&G and the Chicago funds filed the action on behalf of investors who exchanged their Chrysler Corporation shares for DaimlerChrysler shares in connection with the November 1998 merger, and on behalf of investors who purchased DaimlerChrysler shares in the open market from November 13, 1998 through November 17, 2000. On August 22, 2003, BLB&G, as Co-Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs, obtained an

agreement in principle to settle the action for \$300 million.

***In re Bennett Funding Group Securities Litigation*** -- (United States District Court, Southern District of New York). Investor class action involving the sale of \$570 million in fraudulent investments, described as the largest “Ponzi” scheme in United States history. The action was prosecuted against over fifty defendants including Bennett’s former auditors, insurers and broker-dealers who sold Bennett investment. The class includes all purchasers of Bennett securities from March 29, 1992 through March, 29, 1996. The action settled with multiple defendants for over \$165 million.

## Corporate Governance and Shareholders’ Rights

***McCall v. Scott*** -- (United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee). A derivative action filed on behalf of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation -- now “HCA” -- against certain former senior executives of HCA and current and former members of the Board of Directors seeking to hold them responsible for directing or enabling HCA to commit the largest healthcare fraud in history, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars of loss to HCA. The firm represents the **New York State Common Retirement Fund** as Lead Plaintiff, as well as the **California Public Employees’ Retirement System** (“CalPERS”), the **New York City Pension Funds**, the **New York State Teachers’ Retirement System** and the **Los Angeles County Employees’ Retirement Association** (“LACERA”) in this action. Although the district court initially dismissed the action, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit reversed that dismissal and upheld the complaint in substantial part, and remanded the case back to the district court. On February 4, 2003, the Common Retirement Fund, announced that the parties had agreed in principle to settle the action, subject to approval of the district court. As part of the settlement, HCA will adopt a corporate governance plan that goes well beyond the requirements both of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and of the rules that the New York Stock Exchange has proposed to the SEC, and also enhances the corporate governance structure presently in place at HCA. HCA also will receive \$14 million. Under the

sweeping governance plan, the HCA Board of Directors will be substantially independent, and will have increased power and responsibility to oversee fair and accurate financial reporting. In granting final approval of the settlement on June 3, 2003, the Honorable Senior Judge Thomas A. Higgins of the District Court said that the settlement “confers an exceptional benefit upon the company and the shareholders by way of the corporate governance plan.”

***Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Integrated Health Services, Inc. v. Elkins, et al.*** -- (Delaware Chancery Court) The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) of Integrated Health Services (“IHS”), filed a complaint against the current and former officers and directors of IHS, a health care provider which declared bankruptcy in January 2000. The Committee, on behalf of the Debtors Bankruptcy Estates, sought damages for breaches of fiduciary duties and waste of corporate assets in proposing, negotiating, approving and/or ratifying excessive and unconscionable compensation arrangements for Robert N. Elkins, the Company’s former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and for other executive officers of the Company. BLB&G is a special litigation counsel to the committee in this action. The Delaware Chancery Court sustained most of Plaintiff’s fiduciary duty claims against the defendants, finding that the complaint sufficiently pleaded that the defendants

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“consciously and intentionally disregarded their responsibilities.” The Court also observed that Delaware law sets a very high bar for proving violation of fiduciary duties in the context of

executive compensation. Resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement, the Integrated Health Services litigation was one of the few executive compensation cases successfully litigated in Delaware.

## **Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights**

***Roberts v. Texaco, Inc.*** -- (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) Six highly qualified African-American employees filed a class action complaint against Texaco Inc. alleging that the Company failed to promote African-American employees to upper level jobs and failed to compensate them fairly in relation to Caucasian employees in similar positions. Two years of intensive investigation on the part of the lawyers of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, including retaining the services of high level expert statistical analysts, revealed that African-Americans were significantly under-represented in high level management jobs and Caucasian employees were promoted more frequently and at far higher rates for comparable positions within the Company. Settled for over \$170 million. Texaco also agreed to a Task Force to monitor its diversity programs for five years. The settlement has been described as the most significant race discrimination settlement in history.

***GMAC/NMAC/Ford/Toyota/Chrysler Consumer Finance Discrimination Litigation*** The cases involve allegations that the lending practices of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation, Ford Motor Credit, Toyota Motor Credit and Chrysler Financial cause black and Hispanic car buyers to pay millions of dollars more for car loans than similarly situated white buyers. At issue is a discriminatory kickback system under which minorities typically pay about 50% more in dealer mark-up which is shared by auto dealers with the defendants. On February 24, 2003, the Honorable Todd J. Campbell of the States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee granted preliminary approval of the settlement of the class

action pending against Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation (“NMAC”). Under the terms of the settlement, NMAC will offer pre-approved loans to hundreds of thousands of current and potential black and Hispanic NMAC customers, and will limit how much it raises the interest charged to car buyers above the company’s minimum acceptable rate. The company will also contribute \$1 million to America Saves, to develop a car financing literacy program targeted toward minority consumers. The settlement also provides for the payment of \$5,000 to \$20,000 to the 10 people named in the class-action lawsuit. Other car buyers wishing to recover damages will still be able to sue NMAC separately. BLB&G continues to prosecute the actions against the other auto lenders.

***Alexander v. Pennzoil Company*** -- (United States District Court, Southern District of Texas) A class action on behalf of all salaried African-American employees at Pennzoil alleging race discrimination in the Company’s promotion, compensation and other job related practices. The action settled for \$6.75 million.

***Butcher v. Gerber Products Company*** -- (United States District Court, Southern District of New York) Class action asserting violations of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act arising out of the mass discharging of approximately 460 Gerber sales people, the vast majority of whom were long-term Gerber employees aged 40 and older. Settlement terms are confidential.

## **Consumer Class Actions**

***E\*Trade Group, Inc.*** -- (Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County) A class action filed on behalf of all individuals who have or had accounts with E\*Trade from September 1996 to the present. The complaint alleges that E\*Trade’s representations to customers regarding the manner in which their accounts would be handled were false and misleading; that the electronic trading systems were

inadequate to meet customer demands; and that, as a result of these misrepresentations, customers suffered significant losses and have been deprived of the benefits which E\*Trade had represented they would receive.

***General Motors Corporation*** -- (Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Bergen County) A class

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action consisting of all persons who owned W-body cars with defective rear disc brake caliper pins which tended to corrode, creating both a safety hazard and premature wearing of the front and rear disc brakes, causing extensive economic damage. BLB&G is co-lead counsel in this case where a proposed settlement would provide \$19.5 million to the class for reimbursement of brake repairs.

***Rent-A-Center*** -- (Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County) Deceptive sales and marketing in “rent-to-own” transactions. In this case, BLB&G recently obtained a landmark ruling upholding a rental-purchasers’ right to bring suit.

***Empire Blue Cross*** -- (United States District Court, Southern District of New York) Overcharging health care subscribers. BLB&G was lead counsel in a

recently approved \$6.6 million settlement that represented 130% of the class’ damages and offered all the overcharged subscribers 100 cents on the dollar repayment.

***DoubleClick*** -- (United States District Court, Southern District of New York). Internet Privacy. A class action on behalf of Internet users who have had personal information surreptitiously intercepted and sent to a major Internet advertising agency. In the settlement agreement reached in this action, DoubleClick commits to a series of industry-leading privacy protections for online consumers while continuing to offer its full range of products and services. This is likely the largest class action there has ever been - virtually every, if not every, Internet user in the United States.

## **Toxic/Mass Torts**

***Fen/Phen Litigation (“Diet Drug” Litigation)*** -- -- (Class action lawsuits filed in 10 jurisdictions including New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Arizona, Oregon and Arkansas) The firm played a prominent role in the nationwide “diet drug” or “fen-phen” litigation against American Home Products for the Company’s sale and marketing of Redux and Pondimin. The suits allege that a number of pharmaceutical companies produced these drugs which, when used in combination, can lead to life-threatening pulmonary hypertension and heart valve thickening. The complaint alleges that these manufacturers knew of or should have known of the serious health risks created by the drugs, should have warned users of these risks, knew that the fen/phen combination was not approved by the FDA, had not been adequately studied, and yet was being routinely prescribed by physicians. This litigation led to one of the largest class action settlements in history, the multi-billion dollar Nationwide Class Action Settlement with American Home Products approved by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In this litigation, BLB&G was involved in lawsuits filed in the 10 jurisdictions and was designated Class Counsel in the Consolidated New York and New Jersey state court litigations. Additionally, the firm was Co-Liaison Counsel in the New York litigations and served as the State Court Certified Class Counsel for the New York Certified Class to the Nationwide Settlement.

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## **CLIENTS AND FEES**

Most of the firm's clients are referred by other clients, law firms and lawyers, bankers, investors and accountants. A considerable number of clients have been referred to the firm by former adversaries. We have always maintained a high level of independence and discretion in the cases we decide to prosecute. As a result, the level of personal satisfaction and commitment to our work is high.

As stated, our client roster includes many large and well known financial and lending institutions and pension funds, as well as privately held corporate entities which are attracted to our firm because of our reputation, particular expertise and fee structure.

We are firm believers in the contingency fee as a socially useful, productive and satisfying basis of compensation for legal services, particularly in litigation. Wherever appropriate, even with our corporate clients, we will encourage a retention where our fee is at least partially contingent on the outcome of the litigation. This way, it is not the number of hours worked that will determine our fee but, rather, the result achieved for our client.

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## IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is guided by two principles: excellence in legal work and a belief that the law should serve a socially useful and dynamic purpose. Attorneys at the firm are active in academic, community and *pro bono* activities, as well as participating as speakers and contributors to professional organizations. In addition, the firm endows a public interest law fellowship and sponsors an academic scholarship at Columbia Law School.

**The Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Public Interest Law Fellowship**, Columbia Law School. BLB&G is committed to fighting discrimination and effecting positive social change. In support of this commitment, the firm donated funds to Columbia Law School to create the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Public Interest Law Fellowship. This newly endowed fund at Columbia Law School will provide Fellows with 100% of the funding needed to make payments on their law school tuition loans so long as such graduates remain in the public interest law field. The Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Fellows will be able to leave law school free of any law school debt if they make a long term commitment to public interest law.

**Firm sponsorship of inMotion**, New York, NY. BLB&G is a sponsor of inMotion, a non-profit organization in New York City dedicated to providing *pro bono* legal representation to indigent women, principally battered women, in connection with the myriad legal problems they face. The organization trains and supports the efforts of New York lawyers, typically associates at law firms or in-house counsel, who provide *pro bono* counsel to these women. Several members and associates of the firm volunteer their time and energies to help women who need divorces from abusive spouses, or representation on legal issues such as child support, custody and visitation. To read more about inMotion and the remarkable services it provides, visit the organization's website at [www.inmotiononline.org](http://www.inmotiononline.org).

**The Paul M. Bernstein Memorial Scholarship**, Columbia Law School. Paul M. Bernstein was the founding senior partner of the firm. Mr. Bernstein led a distinguished career as a lawyer and teacher and was deeply committed to the professional and personal development of young lawyers. The Paul M. Bernstein Memorial Scholarship Fund is a gift of the firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, and the family and friends of Paul M. Bernstein. Established in 1990, the scholarship is awarded annually to one or more second-year students selected for their academic excellence in their first year, professional responsibility, financial need and contributions to fellow students and the community.

**Firm sponsorship of City Year New York**, New York, NY. BLB&G is also an active supporter of City Year New York, a division of AmeriCorps. The program was founded in 1988 as a means of encouraging young people to devote time to public service and unites a diverse group of volunteers for a demanding year of full-time community service, leadership development and civic engagement. Through their service, corps members experience a rite of passage that can inspire a lifetime of citizenship and build a stronger democracy.



## THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRM

**MAX W. BERGER**, a founding partner of the firm, supervises the firm's litigation practice and prosecutes class and individual actions on behalf of the firm's clients. Mr. Berger has litigated many of the firm's most high profile and significant cases. Together, with other partners at the firm, he has obtained five of the largest securities fraud recoveries in history—the \$6.15 billion settlement of *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, the \$3.2 billion settlement of *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation*, the \$1.3 billion recovery in *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation*, the \$1.03 billion partial settlement of *In re McKesson HBOC, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and the over \$600 million investor recovery in *In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Berger is widely recognized for his professional excellence and achievements. For the second year in a row, he received the top attorney ranking for the "Litigation—Securities Mainly Plaintiff" category by the *Chambers and Partners' 2007 Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The inaugural issue of *Benchmark: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* (published by Legal Media Group—*Institutional Investor* and *Euromoney*) singled out Mr. Berger as one of a handful of New York's "local litigation stars." Additionally, he was named a "litigation star" by the 2007 edition of the *US Legal 500*, one of "10 Legal Superstars" by *Securities Law360*, and is consistently named as one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon* magazine.

Mr. Berger's role in the *WorldCom* case received extensive media attention and has been the subject of feature articles in numerous major publications including *BusinessWeek* and *The American Lawyer*. For their outstanding efforts on behalf of the *WorldCom* Class, *The National Law Journal* profiled Mr. Berger and his partner Sean Coffey (two of only eleven attorneys selected nationwide) in its special June 2005 "Winning Attorneys" section. Additionally, Mr. Berger was featured in the July 2006 *New York Times* article, "A Class-Action Shuffle," which assessed the evolving landscape of the securities litigation arena.

Mr. Berger also serves the academic community in numerous capacities as a member of the Dean's Council to Columbia Law School, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Baruch College. In May 2006, he was presented with the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" for his many and varied contributions to Baruch College. Mr. Berger has also been selected as an Advisor to the American Law Institute, Restatement Third of Torts, and he currently serves on the Advisory Board of Columbia Law School's Center on Corporate Governance. Additionally, Mr. Berger has taught Profession of Law, an ethics course at Columbia.

Mr. Berger is a past chairman of the Commercial Litigation Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (now known as the American Association for Justice) and lectures for numerous professional organizations. In 1997, Mr. Berger was honored for his outstanding contribution to the public interest by Trial Lawyers For Public Justice, where he was a "Trial Lawyer of the Year" Finalist for his work in *Roberts, et al. v. Texaco*, the celebrated race discrimination case, on behalf of Texaco's African-American employees.

Among numerous charitable and volunteer works, Mr. Berger is an active supporter of City Year New York, a division of AmeriCorps, dedicated to encouraging young people to devote time to public service. In July 2005, he was named City Year New York's "Idealist of the Year," for his long-time service and work in the community. He and his wife, Dale, have also established the Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Law Fellowship at Columbia Law School and the Max W. Berger Pre-Law Program at Baruch College.

Mr. Berger received an Accounting degree from the Baruch School of the City College of New York in 1968. At Baruch, he was President of the student body and won numerous awards.

Mr. Berger received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1971, where he was an editor of the *Columbia Survey of Human Rights Law*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1972, New York. 1973, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. 1973, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. 1975, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. 1992, U.S. District Court, District of Arizona. 1999, U.S. Supreme Court.

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**EDWARD A. GROSSMANN**, one of the firm's founding partners, graduated *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin in 1970 and the University of Michigan School of Law in 1973.

Mr. Grossmann served as lead counsel in the Prudential-Bache Energy Income Limited Partnership and the *In re Bennett Funding Group* class actions, well-publicized cases which have each settled for in excess of \$120 million.

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He is a past chairman of the Class and Derivative Action Trials Subcommittee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and a past chairman of the Commercial Litigation Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and has lectured for that organization. Mr. Grossmann is a member of the Committee of Visitors of the University of Michigan Law School and a member of the Committee of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin Center for Jewish Studies. He is also past President of the JCC on the Palisades and is a past trustee of the UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1974, New York. 1974, U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. 1975, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. 1990, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit. 1991, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. 1993, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. 1996, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

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**JOHN P. ("SEAN") COFFEY** is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy ("U.S.N.A."), receiving a B.S. in Ocean Engineering, *with merit*, in 1978. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987, where he was Articles Editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*, a member of the Order of the Coif, and recipient of the Charles A. Keigwin Award for academic excellence.

Before graduating from law school, Mr. Coffey was a Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy, where he served as a P-3C Orion patrol plane mission commander, an Intern in the Organization for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the personal military aide to Vice President George H.W. Bush. After leaving active duty to pursue his legal career, Mr. Coffey continued to serve in the Navy Reserve, where he commanded a P-3C squadron and the Reserve component of the *Enterprise* carrier battle group staff, and served for four years as a Captain in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. In August 2004, he retired from the Navy after thirty years of uniformed service.

Mr. Coffey served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1991 to 1995, where he conducted numerous complex fraud investigations and tried many cases to verdict.

Since joining BLB&G in 1998, Mr. Coffey has served as the lead trial attorney in two of the most notable fraud cases ever to go to trial. In April 2005, Mr. Coffey and his BLB&G team completed their prosecution of the *WorldCom* securities class action—a prosecution that yielded a record-breaking recovery for defrauded investors of over \$6.15 billion—by taking the lone non-settling defendant, WorldCom's former auditor Arthur Andersen LLP, to trial. Mr. Coffey's role in the *WorldCom* prosecution was featured in a December 2004 article in *The American Lawyer* entitled "Taking Citi To School" and a November 2005 article in *The American Lawyer* entitled "Breaking The Banks."

In 2002, in another trial against Andersen, this time arising out of the collapse of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, *BFA Liquidation Trust v. Arthur Andersen LLP*, the largest non-profit bankruptcy in U.S. history, Mr. Coffey obtained a \$217 million settlement, one of the largest amounts ever paid by an accounting firm.

Mr. Coffey currently serves as court-appointed Lead Counsel representing investors in the *Schering-Plough*, *Omnicom*, *HealthSouth*, *Merck*, *Refco*, *Delphi* and *Converium* litigations, and copyright holders in the *Premier League v. YouTube* class action.

Mr. Coffey has been profiled in *The Wall Street Journal*, *American Lawyer*, and *BusinessWeek*, and was featured on "The Wall Street Fix" on PBS' *Frontline*. Mr. Coffey and senior BLB&G partner Max Berger were named two of the 2005 "Winning Attorneys of the Year" by the *National Law Journal*, and the September 2005 issue of *Bloomberg Markets* profiled Mr. Coffey as "Wall Street's New Nemesis."

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Coffey was a litigation partner with Latham & Watkins and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University. He serves as Vice President of the U.S.N.A. Class of 1978 and is a member of the Board of Directors of The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Inc., in Westchester County, N.Y. He is also a member of the Federal Bar Council, the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (including its newly-formed Securities Litigation Committee), the American Association for Justice, and the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1988, New York. 1989, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. 1992, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. 1995, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York. 1998, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. 1999, New Jersey. 2007, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit.

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**STEVEN B. SINGER** joined BLB&G in 1994. He has been responsible for prosecuting a number of the largest securities fraud cases in history. Mr. Singer was one of the lead trial lawyers on the *WorldCom Securities Litigation*, which culminated in a four-week trial against WorldCom's auditors, and resulted in the historic recovery of over \$6.15 billion from the professionals associated with the WorldCom debacle—the second largest recovery in history. He has also been responsible for numerous additional high-profile litigations, including *In re Lucent Technologies Securities Litigation*, which resulted in the fifth largest settlement of all time; *In re 3Com Securities Litigation*, the largest securities fraud class action recovery in Ninth Circuit history; and a multi-million dollar private action arising out of the demise of Lernout & Hauspie.

Mr. Singer has also distinguished himself in the Firm's other practice areas, securing large recoveries for victims of discrimination and consumer fraud. In 1997, the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice named Mr. Singer as a finalist for "Trial Lawyer of the Year" for his role in the prosecution of the celebrated race discrimination litigation, *Roberts v. Texaco*, which resulted in the largest discrimination settlement in history.

Mr. Singer frequently lectures at the Firm's *Institutional Investor Forum* and is an active member of the New York State and American Bar Associations. He is also a speaker at various continuing legal education programs offered by the Practising Law Institute ("PLI").

Mr. Singer received his B.A., cum laude, from Duke University in 1988 and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1991.

**ADMISSIONS:** Admitted to the bar, 1992, New York. 1992, U.S. District Courts, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

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**CHAD JOHNSON** is involved in all areas of the firm's litigation practice, with particular emphasis on prosecuting securities fraud actions, complex commercial litigation, patent litigation, and trial practice.

Among other matters, Mr. Johnson was one of the partners who prosecuted the *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*—resulting in a recovery for investors of over \$6.15 billion after five weeks of trial—one of the largest securities fraud recovery in history. Mr. Johnson also oversaw the firm's prosecution of *In re Williams Securities Litigation* in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. The Williams case required a massive undertaking by BLB&G, including the need to take and defend 170 depositions and to review and analyze over 18 million pages of documents. The case proceeded through class certification discovery, fact discovery, expert discovery, summary judgment, and trial preparation. Shortly before trial, BLB&G and the Lead Plaintiffs were able to obtain a total recovery from the defendants of \$311 million. This is among the largest recoveries ever achieved in a securities class action in which the corporate defendant did not restate its financial results and where the SEC did not obtain any recovery for investors. Mr. Johnson was also one of the partners responsible for prosecuting the *OM Group Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$92.4 million recovery for investors.

Mr. Johnson is responsible for overseeing the firm's prosecution of the federal derivative action against the individuals involved in the options backdating scandal at *UnitedHealth Group, Inc.* That case is pending in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. In connection with that lawsuit, BLB&G represents several public pension funds, all of whom are Court-appointed Lead Plaintiffs in the case. Since the initiation of that lawsuit, the company has effectively acknowledged that it engaged in options backdating—and the company's Chairman and CEO (and a recipient of hundreds of millions of dollars of apparently backdated stock options), William McGuire, has been forced out of the company because of his involvement in the scandal.

Mr. Johnson is overseeing the firm's prosecution (with co-counsel) of numerous patent litigations now pending against major electronics manufacturers including Nikon, Samsung, LG Phillips, and others. These patent litigations relate to the technology used to manufacture flat panel displays, including LCD televisions, as well as well as semi-conductor chips. The technology at issue was developed by a New York-based manufacturing company, *Anvik Corporation*, which holds the patents at issue. As alleged in the complaints, the technology was subsequently misappropriated by certain companies based overseas. The cases allege that the defendants are manufacturing products sold into the United States using Anvik's patented technology without Anvik's permission. The revenues defendants are generating using Anvik's patented technology, as alleged in the complaints, is in the hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars per year. These cases are all pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Johnson was a partner with Latham & Watkins, where he practiced for ten years. While with Latham & Watkins, he represented investment banks, accounting firms, law firms, boards of directors, and both publicly and privately held companies. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience in the areas of securities and professional liability litigation, complex commercial litigation, patent litigation, and international arbitration. He has handled a variety of matters before federal and state courts, as well as arbitration tribunals both in the United States and abroad, including the International Chamber of Commerce, the London Court of International Arbitration, the Netherlands Arbitration Institute, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the American Arbitration Association, and JAMS/Endispute.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, where he was president of the Harvard Law School Forum. He also graduated from the University of Michigan, *with high distinction*, where he was an Angell scholar.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1993, Illinois and District of Columbia. 1998, New York.

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**GERALD H. SILK's** practice focuses on representing public pension funds and other institutional investors on matters involving federal and state securities laws, accountants' liability and the fiduciary duties of corporate officials. He also advises creditors on their rights with respect to pursuing affirmative claims against officers and directors, as well as professionals both inside and outside the bankruptcy context. Additionally, Mr. Silk is one of the partners who oversee the firm's new matter department, in which he, along with a group of financial analysts and investigators, counsels clients on potential legal claims. He was the subject of "Picking Winning Securities Cases," a feature article in the June 2005 issue of *Bloomberg Markets* magazine, which detailed his work for the firm in this capacity. He was also named one of America's top 500 "rising stars" in the legal profession and one of 3000 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America by *Lawdragon* magazine. Additionally, Mr. Silk was selected for inclusion in the list of 2006 *New York Super Lawyers*.

Most recently, Mr. Silk is one of the partners at the firm responsible for advising institutional shareholder clients on legal matters arising out of the options backdating scandal. He is currently representing several institutional investors in the options backdating case, *In re UnitedHealth Group, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, pending in the District of Minnesota. Mr. Silk has appeared frequently in the news as a commentator on option backdating issues, including on *CNBC's Morning Call*, *The Financial Times*, *The National Law Journal* and the *New York Law Journal*.

He is also currently representing shareholders in New York State Supreme Court against certain officers and directors of *Cablevision Systems Corporation* alleging breaches of fiduciary duties by the controlling shareholders in attempting to take the company private for an unfair price. Mr. Silk was one of the principal attorneys responsible for prosecuting the *In re Independent Energy Holdings Securities Litigation*, a case against the officers and directors of Independent Energy as well as several investment banking firms which underwrote a \$200 million secondary offering of ADRs by the U.K.-based Independent Energy. The Independent Energy litigation was resolved for \$48 million. Mr. Silk has also prosecuted and successfully resolved several other securities class actions, which resulted in substantial cash recoveries for investors, including *In re Sykes Enterprises, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Middle District of Florida, and *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Northern District of Ohio. He was also a member of the litigation team responsible for the successful prosecution of *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* in the District of New Jersey, which was resolved for \$3.2 billion.

Mr. Silk received a B.S. in economics from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania in 1991, and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School in 1995. In 1995-96, Mr. Silk served as a law clerk to the Hon. Steven M. Gold, U.S.M.J., in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Prior to joining the firm in 1998, Mr. Silk was an associate in the Business and Securities Litigation Department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he was primarily involved in defending securities cases and counseling boards of directors on corporate governance matters.

Mr. Silk lectures to institutional investors at conferences throughout the country, and has written or substantially contributed to several articles on developments in securities and corporate law, including "The Compensation Game," *Lawdragon*, Fall 2006; "Institutional Investors as Lead Plaintiffs: Is There A New And Changing Landscape?", 75 St. John's Law Review 31 (Winter 2001); "The Duty To Supervise, Poser, Broker-Dealer Law and Regulation", 3rd Ed. 2000, Chapter 15; "Derivative Litigation In New York after Marx v. Akers", *New York Business Law Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 1997).

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1996, New York. 1997, U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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**BLAIR A. NICHOLAS** has successfully represented numerous institutional investors in high-profile actions involving federal and state securities laws, accountants' liability, and corporate governance matters. Mr. Nicholas has extensive trial experience, including having served as one of the lead trial counsel in *In re Clarent Corporation Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action prosecuted before the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California. After a four week jury trial, in which Mr. Nicholas delivered the closing argument, the jury returned a securities fraud verdict in favor of investors against the former Chief Executive Officer of Clarent.

Mr. Nicholas was one of the principal attorneys responsible for prosecuting the *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action that settled shortly before trial for \$311 million. Mr. Nicholas has also prosecuted and successfully resolved a number of high-profile securities class actions, including *In re Informix Securities Litigation*, resolved for \$142 million; *In re Gemstar Securities Litigation*, resolved for \$92.5 million; *In re Legato Systems Securities Litigation*, resolved for \$85 million; *In re Network Associates Securities Litigation*, resolved for \$70 million; and *In re Finova Group Securities Litigation*, resolved for \$42 million.

In 2007, The American Lawyer named him one of its "Fab Fifty Young Litigators"—one of the top 50 litigators in the country, 45 and under, who have "made their marks already and whom [they] expect to see leading the field for years to come." Mr. Nicholas was also honored in the *Daily Journal's* January 2007 issue, as being among the "Top 20 Under 40" attorneys in California, "rack[ing] up a string of multi-million dollar victories for investors." In 2008, Mr. Nicholas was honored with the selection as one of the *San Diego Super Lawyers* and was named by *Lawdragon* as one of the "Top 100 Securities Litigators You Need to Know."

Mr. Nicholas has presented at institutional investor conferences throughout the United States and has written articles relating the application of the federal and state securities laws, including the articles "Auditor Liability: Institutional Investors Pursue Opt-Out Actions To Maximize Recovery of Securities Fraud Losses," *Securities Litigation and Enforcement Institute* (PLI 2007) (co-author); and "Reforming the Reform Act and Restoring Investor Confidence in the Securities Markets," *Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter* (Vol. 13, No. 4, July 2002).

Mr. Nicholas received a B.A. in Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he served as Lead Articles Editor of the San Diego Law Review. He served as Vice President on the Executive Committee of the San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is an active member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego, Litigation Section of the State Bar of California, and the San Diego County Bar Association. Mr. Nicholas also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation of San Diego. He practices in the firm's California office.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1995, California. 1996, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. 1996, U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California. 1996, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

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**DAVID R. STICKNEY** practices in the firm's California office, where he focuses on complex litigation in state and federal courts nationwide at both the trial court and appellate levels. Mr. Stickney has prosecuted many class and individual actions and has successfully resolved a number of the firm's prominent cases, including, for example, *In re McKesson Securities Litigation*, which settled before trial for a total of \$1.023 billion, the largest settlement amount in history for any securities class action within the Ninth Circuit; *Wyatt v. El Paso Corp.*, which recently settled for \$285 million; *BFA Liquidation Trust v. Arthur Andersen LLP*, which settled during trial for \$217 million; and *In re EMAC Securities Litigation*, which settled on undisclosed terms before trial.

During 1996-1997, Mr. Stickney served as law clerk to the Honorable Bailey Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Stickney received his J.D. from The University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1996, where he was a Jacob B. Cox Scholar and Lead Articles Editor of *The University of Cincinnati Law Review*. Mr. Stickney received his B.A. from the University of California at Davis in 1993.

Mr. Stickney lectures on securities litigation and shareholder matters, including for seminars and programs sponsored by the Practising Law Institute and Glasser Legalworks. He has also authored and co-authored several articles concerning securities litigation and class actions. His professional affiliations include the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

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ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1997, California. 1997, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Ninth Circuits. 1997, U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Central Districts of California.

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**SALVATORE J. GRAZIANO**, an experienced trial attorney, has taken a leading role in a number of major securities fraud class actions including cases against: (i) Raytheon Company and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, total recoveries of \$460 million; (ii) MicroStrategy, Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, total recoveries valued in excess of \$150 million; (iii) i2 Technologies, Inc. and Arthur Andersen LLP, total recovery of \$87.75 million; and (iv) Aetna, Inc., total recovery of \$82.5 million.

Mr. Graziano has litigated cases resulting in favorable decisions for securities investors nationwide, including the seminal Second Circuit decision of *Novak v. Kasaks*, 216 F.3d 300 (2d Cir. 2000), interpreting the pleading standards of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Graziano served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He has over 10 years of securities fraud civil litigation experience. Mr. Graziano has previously served as a member of the Financial Reporting Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and as a member of the Securities Regulation Committee of the New York City Bar Association. Mr. Graziano has been a panelist on numerous CLE litigation programs.

Mr. Graziano graduated from New York University College of Arts and Science in 1988, *cum laude*, with a B.A. in psychology, with honors, and thereafter received his J.D., *cum laude*, from New York University School of Law in 1991.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1992, New York. 1995, U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. 1999, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. 2002, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. 2003, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

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**WILLIAM C. FREDERICKS** graduated with high honors from Swarthmore College in 1983 with a B.A. in political science, and earned his M.Litt. degree in international relations from Oxford University (England) in 1988. In 1988, he also received his J.D. from Columbia University, where he was a three-time Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, a Columbia University International fellow, an articles editor of *The Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, and the recipient of the Beck Prize in property law, the Toppan Prize in advanced constitutional law, and the Greenbaum Prize for written advocacy. A panel chaired by Justice Antonin Scalia also awarded Mr. Fredericks the Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Prize for best oral argument in the final round of the 1988 Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition. After law school, Mr. Fredericks clerked for the Hon. Robert S. Gawthrop III of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and then spent seven years practicing securities and complex commercial litigation as an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and Willkie Farr & Gallagher before moving to the plaintiffs' side of the bar in 1997.

Mr. Fredericks has represented investors as a lead or co-lead counsel in over two dozen securities class actions, notably *In re Rite Aid Securities Litigation* (E.D. Pa.) (total settlements of \$323 million, including the then-second largest securities fraud settlement ever against a big-four accounting firm); *In re Sears Roebuck & Co. Securities Litigation* (N.D. Ill.) (\$215 million settlement announced, subject to judicial approval); and *Irvine v. Imclone Systems, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$75 million settlement). Mr. Fredericks has also successfully represented several institutional clients (including Mexico's TV Azteca and Australia's Australis Media Group) in private commercial disputes at both the trial and appellate level. See, e.g., *National Broadcasting Co. v. Bear Stearns & Co., et al.*, 165 F.3d 184 (2d Cir. 1999); *News Ltd. v. Australis Holdings Pty. Limited*, 728 N.Y.S. 2d 667 (1st Dep't 2001) and 742 N.Y.S. 2d 190 (1st Dep't 2002).

Mr. Fredericks has been a panelist on a variety of litigation programs sponsored by various organizations, including the Practising Law Institute (PLI) and the American Law Institute/American Bar Association (ALI/ABA). He is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and a former chairman of the Association's Committee on Military Affairs and Justice.

Mr. Fredericks is admitted to practice before the courts of New York State, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of Colorado, and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Sixth and Tenth Circuits. He has also been admitted *pro hac vice* by, and argued before, the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey (see *Kaufman v. I-Stat Corp.*, 165 N.J. 94 (2000).)



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**JEFFREY N. LEIBELL** specializes in prosecuting securities class actions as well as derivative actions involving breaches of fiduciary duty and corporate governance on behalf of the firm's clients.

A Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Leibell served as a Senior Manager in the Audit Department of Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he audited "Fortune 500" and other companies in a variety of industries, prior to attending law school. Since joining the firm in 1996, he has prosecuted a number of the firm's most significant cases, including *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$3.2 billion settlement, and *McCall v. Scott*, the Columbia/HCA Derivative Litigation.

He received his B.S., *cum laude*, in Accounting from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York in 1979, and a J.D. from Columbia University in 1992, where he was the Senior Notes Editor of the *Columbia Business Law Review* and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Mr. Leibell is the author of "Accountant's Liability in the Savings & Loan Crisis: An Argument in Favor of Affirmative Defenses."

Mr. Leibell is a member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1992, New York. 1993, U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. 1995, U. S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. 1996, U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. 1999, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. 2000, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit. 2004, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

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**JOHN C. BROWNE** received his B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, in 1994 from James Madison University and his J.D., *cum laude*, in 1998 from Cornell Law School where he was an Editor of the Cornell Law Review.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Browne was an attorney at Latham & Watkins, where he had a wide range of experience in commercial litigation, including defending corporate officers and directors in securities class actions and derivative suits, and representing major corporate clients in state and federal court litigations and arbitrations. Mr. Browne was a member of the team representing the New York State Common Retirement Fund in *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which culminated in a five-week trial against Arthur Andersen LLP and a recovery for investors of over \$6.15 billion—the second largest securities fraud recovery in history.

Mr. Browne prosecuted *In re King Pharmaceuticals Litigation*, which settled for \$38.25 million. In March 2008, Mr. Browne achieved a \$28.5 million settlement on behalf of shareholders in *In re SFBC Securities Litigation*. Mr. Browne is currently prosecuting a number of securities and other cases, including *In re Refco Securities Litigation*, in which a partial settlement of \$140 million has been achieved, *In re RAIT Financial Trust Securities Litigation*, and *The Football Association Premier League Limited, et al. v. YouTube, Inc., et al.*

Mr. Browne has been a panelist at various continuing legal education programs offered by the American Law Institute ("ALI") and has published several articles relating to securities litigation. Most recently, Mr. Browne co-authored, along with senior partner Max Berger, "Is the Sky Really Falling on the U.S. Capital Markets?," *The NAPPA Report*, Vol. 21, May 2007, available at [www.nappa.org](http://www.nappa.org).

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2000, New York.

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**MARK LEBOVITCH** is primarily responsible for the Firm's corporate transaction litigation practice. Currently, he is prosecuting breach of fiduciary duty claims on behalf of two public pension systems in the *Yahoo!, Inc. Takeover Litigation*. Previously, he helped to obtain for shareholders billions of dollars in additional consideration and significant corporate governance improvements by asserting breach of fiduciary duty claims arising from, among other things, the hostile takeover battles over *Caremark Rx, Inc.* and *CBOT Holdings, Inc.*, the private equity buyout of *Ceridian Corporation*, the acquisition of Commerce Bancorp., and the going private proposal for *Cablevision Systems Corporation*.

Mr. Lebovitch is also a member of the Firm's subprime litigation team, which focuses on vindicating shareholder and consumer rights arising from the mortgage and mortgage-based security debt crisis and he is also a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Suprema Specialties, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re Omnicom Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

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Mr. Lebovitch received his B.A., *cum laude*, in 1996 from Binghamton University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from New York University School of Law in 1999. Following law school, Mr. Lebovitch clerked for Vice Chancellor Stephen P. Lamb on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, one of the nation's premier courts deciding hostile takeover and corporate transaction-based litigation and claims relating to the valuation of corporate securities. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Lebovitch was a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York, where he represented clients in a variety of corporate governance and commercial matters, including several matters went to trial and representing corporate clients in several significant securities fraud cases.

Mr. Lebovitch's publications include "Calling a Duck a Duck: Determining the Validity of Deal Protection Provisions in Merger of Equals Transactions" (*2001 Columbia Business Law Review* 1) and "Practical Refinement" (*The Daily Deal*, January 2002), both of which discussed evolving developments in the law of directors' fiduciary duties. Mr. Lebovitch has spoken publicly on a wide range of corporate governance issues, including at the NYU Journal of Law & Business Symposium on Private Equity and the Credit Crisis, a webcast sponsored by Riskmetrics Group entitled "Subprime Litigation and Liability: What You Need to Know for 2008," and an upcoming PLI panel entitled, "What All Business Lawyers Must Know About Delaware Law Developments 2008."

He is a member of the American Bar Association, its Section on Business Law and Committee on Corporate Governance, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2000, New York. 2001, U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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**HANNAH GREENWALD ROSS** received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Cornell University in 1995 and received her J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University, where she was a member of the Woolsack Honor Society, in 1998. While at Dickinson, Ms. Ross was a Comments Editor of the *Dickinson Law Review*. She was also the recipient of the D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award, awarded to the senior who has demonstrated good character, sound academic performance, high ethical standards, fidelity to the highest goals of the profession and commitment to selfless human service.

Before joining BLB&G, Ms. Ross was a prosecutor in the Insurance and Unemployment Fraud Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. Prior to that, she was an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex County (Massachusetts) District Attorney's office from 1998 to 2000.

Ms. Ross's practice at the firm focuses on securities fraud litigation. Ms. Ross was part of the team that successfully prosecuted the securities class action against the *Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation* ("Freddie Mac") resulting in a settlement of \$410 million. She was also a member of the team that successfully prosecuted the *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* resulting in a settlement of \$92.4 million.

Ms. Ross is currently prosecuting a number of other securities cases, including *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation* and *In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation*. Ms. Ross is also working on cases relating to stock option backdating.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Massachusetts (1998) and New York (2002).

## OF COUNSEL

**DOUGLAS M. MCKEIGE** received a B.A., *cum laude*, in Economics from Tufts University in 1979 and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane University in 1986, where he was Order of the Coif and Articles Editor of the *Tulane Law Review*. A former partner with the Firm, Mr. McKeige now serves as Counsel. He has successfully prosecuted many significant federal securities class actions at the Firm, including *In re 3Com Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$259 million, the largest settlement of a securities class action in the Ninth Circuit. A popular speaker and lecturer, he is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, the Society of Pension Professionals, the National Association of State Treasurers, the National Council on Teacher Retirement and the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems. Mr. McKeige is a frequent speaker at public pension fund conferences nationwide and has addressed the National Conference on Public Employees Retirement Systems annual meeting four years in a row on the role of institutional investors in securities litigation. For nearly a decade, Mr. McKeige ran the Firm's *Institutional Investor Forum*, an educational symposium conducted yearly for public pension fund managers, trustees and counsel.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1987, New York. 1987, U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**ELLIOTT J. WEISS**, one of America's most highly respected experts in securities and corporate law, joined the firm as Counsel in December 2005 after retiring from his post as the Charles E. Ares Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's Rogers College of Law.

Having spent nearly three decades of commitment to the development of young lawyers at several of the country's finest academic institutions, Professor Weiss has enjoyed a remarkable career teaching, writing and lecturing, having strongly influenced and directed public policy regarding our capital markets.

He has authored and co-authored several seminal texts and over 30 influential articles on securities litigation and corporate law throughout his career. Among his many published works, Professor Weiss was the lead co-author of "Let the Money Do the Monitoring: How Institutional Investors Can Reduce Agency Costs in Securities Class Actions" {104 *Yale L.J.* 2053 (1995)}, which proposed new rules governing the organization of securities class actions. Congress based the lead plaintiff provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 on that article and thus changed dramatically the dynamics of the securities class action litigation process. He recently reviewed the impact of those provisions in "The Lead Plaintiff Provisions After a Decade, or 'Look What's Happened to My Baby,'" forthcoming in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Professor Weiss also was the first Executive Director of the Investor Responsibility Research Center, where he did groundbreaking work on institutional investors' responsibility for corporate governance issues, and has served as a member of the National Adjudicatory Council of NASD-Regulation and as a consultant to the United States' Securities and Exchange Commission.

A member, past and present, of numerous esteemed professional associations, including the American Law Institute, Professor Weiss has been a force for positive change in the legal, financial and business communities, and continues his long career defending the rights of investors and demanding responsible behavior from corporate management.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School, Professor Weiss resides in Tucson, Arizona and maintains an office at the Rogers College of Law.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1965, California (inactive). 1966, New York.

**G. ANTHONY GELDERMAN, III** served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, (1992-1996) and prior to that served as General Counsel to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury. Mr. Gelderman also coordinated all legislative matters for the State Treasurer during his tenure with the Treasury Department. Earlier in Mr. Gelderman's legal career, he served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz, Jr., Eastern District of Louisiana (1986-1987).

Mr. Gelderman is a former adjunct professor of law at the Tulane Law School where he has taught a course in legislative process. He is a member of the Louisiana State (Chairman, Young Lawyers Continuing Legal Education Committee, 1990-1993) and American Bar Associations. In 1995, Mr. Gelderman was profiled by the American Bar Association in *Barrister* magazine as one of the 25 young lawyers in America making a difference in the legal profession.

Mr. Gelderman heads the firm's Louisiana office.

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ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1986, Louisiana. 1997, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District and Middle District of Louisiana.

**WALLACE A. SHOWMAN**, Counsel to the Firm, received his B.A. from Queens College in 1985 and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1988. He has litigated dozens of successful class actions and derivative cases involving securities, corporate transactions, and consumer protection, including *In re Cendant Securities Litigation* (D. N.J.) and *In re Telxon Corp. Securities Litigation* (D. Ohio). He has also represented plaintiffs in several cases involving alleged fraud in private placement of securities and in NASD and NYSE securities arbitrations.

Mr. Showman is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1989, New York. 1989, U.S. District Courts, Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York. 1994, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. 1998, United States Supreme Court. 2003, Second Circuit Court of Appeals. 2003, U.S. District Court, District of Colorado. 2005, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**JONATHAN HARRIS**, Counsel to the firm, received his B.A. from Stanford University in 1984, *Phi Beta Kappa*, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1987, *Order of the Coif*. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Harris has over ten years experience litigating civil and criminal cases, and in representing individuals and companies in regulatory and internal investigations. Mr. Harris frequently represents individuals and, among other matters, was co-lead counsel in *O'Meally v. Wachovia Securities and Prudential Securities*, (NASD 2006), resulting in one of the largest monetary judgments ever awarded by an NASD panel to an individual broker. Prior to joining BLB&G in 2007, Mr. Harris was Counsel at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP.

In 2005, Mr. Harris was lead clemency counsel, *pro bono*, for death row inmate and Nobel Prize nominee, Stanley "Tookie" Williams. Mr. Harris is also the author of a novel, *Seizing Amber*, published in 2001 by Sourcebooks Landmark. Mr. Harris has appeared on CNN with Paula Zahn, CBS News and numerous other national and local media programs to discuss cases in which he was counsel. He speaks frequently on the issue of executive clemency, most recently appearing on a panel at Stanford Law School in May 2007.

Mr. Harris is currently a member of the team prosecuting *In re Ceridian Shareholder Litigation*, and currently represents a number of former senior executives in disputes with their prior employers and partners.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1989, New York. District of Columbia, 1991. California, 1993.

**KURT HUNCIKER** received his B.A. from Stanford University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he served as a founding editor of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. Mr. Hunciker is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Hunciker's practice is concentrated in complex business and securities litigation. Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Hunciker represented clients in a number of class actions and other actions brought under the federal securities laws and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. He has also represented clients in actions brought under intellectual property laws, federal antitrust laws, and the common law governing business relationships.

Mr. Hunciker served as a member of the trial team for the *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation* and is currently a member of the teams prosecuting the *In re Biovail Corp. Securities Litigation* and *In re Mutual Funds Securities Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1979, New York, and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. 1982, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. 1986, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. 1988, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. 1989, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



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**BRUCE W. LEPPLA** has over a decade of experience litigating complex civil matters involving securities and investment fraud on behalf of institutional investors, including public retirement funds and Taft-Hartley funds. As Counsel to the firm, he works closely with the firm's new matter department analyzing securities law issues and advising clients on potential legal claims.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Leppla was a partner at Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP where he served with others as counsel in a number of securities actions, including *In re Qwest Communications Securities Litigation*, *In re Brooks Automation Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Broadcom Corporation Derivative Litigation*, *Alaska State Department of Revenue, et al. v. America Online, Inc., et al.* and other cases. He brings to BLB&G a significant finance and economics background as well as experience as an entrepreneur specializing in banking and technology start-ups. In this connection he is the author or co-author of 11 United States and international patents in technology and commercial product design. Mr. Leppla has also founded and built successful commercial real estate development and management companies both in the United States and Japan.

Mr. Leppla has authored and co-authored a wide variety of publications on developments in securities law, including "Stay in the Class or Opt-Out? Institutional Investors are Increasingly Opting-Out of Securities Class Litigation," and "Selected Waiver: Recent Developments in the Ninth Circuit and California," recently published in the *Securities Litigation Report*. He serves as an Editorial Board Member of *Wall Street Lawyer*.

Mr. Leppla obtained his J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California. Prior to law school, he received his B.A. and M.A. in Economics from Yale University and the University of California at Berkeley, respectively.

Mr. Leppla works out of both the New York and California office, and is currently based in San Francisco.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1976, California, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Eastern Districts of California. 1978, New York. 2006, Colorado, as well as other Federal District Courts.

## SENIOR COUNSEL

**ROCHELLE FEDER HANSEN**, Senior Counsel to the firm, received her B.A. from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York in 1966 and her M.S. in 1976. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1979, where she was a member of the *Law Review*.

Ms. Hansen has handled a number of high profile securities fraud cases at the firm, including *In re StorageTek Securities Litigation*, *In re First Republic Securities Litigation*, and the *RJR Nabisco Litigation*. Ms. Hansen has also acted as Antitrust Program Coordinator for Columbia Law School's Continuing Legal Education Trial Practice Program for Lawyers.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1980, New York. 1980, U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. 1993, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

**BEATA GOCYK-FARBER** is involved in all areas of the firm's litigation practice, with particular emphasis on securities fraud actions, complex commercial litigation, and trial practice. Additionally, she is in charge of the firm's European business development.

Ms. Gocyk-Farber was a senior member of the litigation and trial team that prosecuted *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in a recovery for investors of over \$6.15 billion—the second largest securities fraud recovery in the history of the financial markets. She was also one of the senior lawyers leading the prosecution of *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, which resulted in \$311 million in recoveries for the plaintiffs shortly before trial. This was one of the largest recoveries in a securities class action in which the corporate defendant did not restate its financial results. She is currently a senior member of the team prosecuting *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation* and *In re Converium Securities Litigation*. Ms. Gocyk-Farber also has extensive experience in prosecuting executive compensation cases and is one of the senior lawyers prosecuting the federal derivative action against the individuals involved in the options backdating scandal at *United Health Group, Inc.*

Ms. Gocyk-Farber received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1997, where she was a member of the *Cardozo Law Review*, the Order of the Coif, a Balkin Scholar and the recipient of the West Publishing Award for Academic Excellence. She authored and published "Patenting Medical Procedures: In Search of a Compromise Between Ethics and Economics" while at Cardozo.

Prior to joining BLB&G in 2001, Ms. Gocyk-Farber was an associate with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York, where she represented large financial institutions and sovereign governments in securities and merger and acquisitions transactions.

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Ms. Gocyk-Farber is fluent in Polish and has working knowledge of Russian. She is a member of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1998, New York. 2002, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**TIMOTHY A. DeLANGE** received his B.A. from the University of California, Riverside in 1994 and his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1997. He was the 1994 recipient of the American Jurisprudence award in Contracts.

Mr. DeLange focuses on complex litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Mr. DeLange is a member of the team prosecuting *In re McKesson Securities Litigation*, together with firm partners Max Berger and David Stickney. In that case, a partial settlement was reached for \$960 million, the largest recovery for securities class-action settlements in courts within the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. DeLange is currently prosecuting a number of other securities cases, including, along with firm partner Blair Nicholas, *In re Accredo Health, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Mr. DeLange also serves as the editor of the firm's quarterly publication, the Advocate.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. DeLange practiced complex litigation at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP. He practices out of the firm's California office.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to Bar, 1997, California. 1997, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. 2001, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. 2002, U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California.

**NIKI L. MENDOZA** joined the San Diego office in 2002. Since joining the firm, Ms. Mendoza has helped obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries on behalf of defrauded investors, including her involvement in the *In re El Paso Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Symbol Technologies Corp. Securities Litigation*, and *In re Gemstar-TV Guide International, Inc. Securities Litigation*, among others.

In 2005, Ms. Mendoza assisted in completing a full jury trial and achieving a rare securities fraud verdict against the company's CEO in *In re Clarent Corporations Securities Litigation*. She also recently conducted extensive fact and expert discovery, full motion practice and completed substantial trial preparation in *In re Electronic Data Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in settlement just prior to trial for \$137.5 million – one of the larger settlements in non-restatement cases since the passage of the PSLRA. Ms. Mendoza is also part of the team prosecuting a race discrimination class action lawsuit filed against Bank of America.

Ms. Mendoza co-authored various articles which have been cited in federal court opinions (including *Dura Pharm., Inc. v. Broudo-The Least of All Evils*, 1505 PLI/Corp. 272, 274 (Sept. 2005) and *Dura-Bull: Myths of Loss Causation*, 1557 PLI/Corp. 339 (Sept. 2006)). In addition to her practice, she serves as a 2007 Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association's Children At Risk committee, a committee that works with schools and children's organizations and coordinates literacy and enrichment programs that rely on attorney volunteers.

Ms. Mendoza received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Oregon, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and a Managing Editor of the *Oregon Law Review*, for which she wrote "Rooney v. Kulongoski, Limiting the Principle of Separation of Powers?" She served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Michael R. Hogan of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon from 1998 to 2001 where she received the Distinguished Service Recognition in September 2001.

Before joining BLB&G, Ms. Mendoza represented both plaintiffs and defendants in commercial and employment litigation, practicing in both Hawaii and California. Ms. Mendoza is a member of the State Bar of Hawaii and the State Bar of California. She practices out of the firm's California Office.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Hawaii, 1997. California, 2001. California, 2001. U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Hawaii, and Northern, Southern, Central and Eastern Districts of California, and the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit, Ninth Circuit and Tenth Circuit.

## ASSOCIATES

**JERALD BIEN-WILLNER** received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Claremont McKenna College in 1997 where he was Dean's List, a Claremont McKenna Distinguished Scholar, a recipient of the McKenna Scholar four-year merit scholarship and was recognized by the faculty as the outstanding Literature graduate in his class. Mr. Bien-Willner received his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law in 2002 where he was a member of the Moot Court Board, National Moot Court Team and awarded Best Oral Advocate, and a Snell and Wilmer Scholar receiving a full academic merit scholarship. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Bien-Willner was in-house counsel for a real estate holding company where he advised on legal and business matters and prosecuted securities, tort, contract, real estate and insurance bad faith actions.

Mr. Bien-Willner is an active member of the team prosecuting the *Mutual Fund Investment Multi-District Litigation*, which includes the *In re Invesco*, *In re MFS* and *In re Pilgrim Baxter* actions. Mr. Bien-Willner is also a member of the team prosecuting *In re Retek, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Bien-Willner is proficient in Spanish.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2003, California, Arizona and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Central Districts of California.

**MICHAEL D. BLATCHLEY** received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 2000 and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School in 2007. At Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Blatchley was an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow and received numerous awards recognizing his academic achievements, including the William Payson Richardson Memorial Prize and the Richard Elliott Blyn Memorial Prize. He also served as an editor for the Brooklyn Law Review, was a member and coach of the Moot Court Honor Society, and held a judicial internship position for the Honorable David G. Trager, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. In addition, Mr. Blatchley worked as an intern at The Legal Aid Society's Harlem Community Law Office, as well as at Brooklyn Law School's Second Look and Workers' Rights Clinics, and provided legal assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Blatchley's practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. He is currently a member of the firm's new matter department in which he, along with a team of attorneys, financial analysts, forensic accountants, and investigators, counsels the firm's clients on their legal claims.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2008, New Jersey.

**JAI K. CHANDRASEKHAR** received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, in 1987. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was a Book Review Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, in 1997.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Chandrasekhar was a Staff Attorney with the Division of Enforcement of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, where he investigated securities law violations and coordinated investigations involving multiple SEC offices and other government agencies.

Before his tenure at the SEC, he was an Associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he represented corporate issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of stocks, bonds, and complex securities and advised corporations on periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and other corporate and securities matters.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2001, New York. 2006, U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

**BENJAMIN GALDSTON** primarily focuses on complex securities fraud litigation and corporate governance matters. He practices in the firm's California office. Mr. Galdston participated in prosecuting *In re McKesson Securities Litigation*, together with firm partners Max Berger and David Stickney. In that case, a partial settlement was reached for \$960 million, the largest recovery for securities class-action settlements in courts within the Ninth Circuit. Together with firm partners Max Berger, Sean Coffey, and David Stickney, Mr. Galdston recently represented institutional investors seeking to recover damages in *In re EMAC Securities Litigation*, a case that arose from a private offering of asset-backed securities. Among other cases, Mr. Galdston currently represents a certified class of investors in *In re Retek, Inc. Securities Litigation*, now pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and the Lead Plaintiff in *In re Stone Energy Corp. Securities litigation*, now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

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Mr. Galdston received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2000, where he earned the American Trial Lawyers' Association Book Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Appellate Advocacy, the American Jurisprudence Award for Property, and the Computer Assisted Learning Institute Award for Excellence in Legal Research. He was also an Executive Board Member of the Appellate Moot Court Board, competed in national Moot Court tournaments, and directed the University of San Diego School of Law National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Tournament. Following law school, Mr. Galdston represented investors in securities fraud actions at another national law firm.

Previously, Mr. Galdston was the sole proprietor of Litigation Support Systems, where he designed, constructed and maintained relational document databases for small law firms litigating document-intensive cases. He served as President of the Greater San Diego Barristers Club and is a member of the California Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. He has published several articles concerning practice in the federal courts.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2000, California. U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Northern and Central Districts of California.

**PATRICIA S. GILLANE** received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Columbia University in 1985 and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1989, where she was an editor of the *Brooklyn Law Review*. Ms. Gillane is the author of "One Moment in Time: The Second Circuit Ponders Choreographic Photography as a Copyright Infringement: Horgan vs. MacMillan." She is a member of the American Bar Association and a former member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where she served on the Professional Responsibility Committee.

Together with firm partners Max Berger and Edward Grossmann, Ms. Gillane successfully prosecuted *In re Bennett Funding Group Litigation* which arose out of the largest Ponzi scheme in history. After years of litigation, the matter settled for a total of over \$165 million.

Most recently, she was a member of the team representing the New York State Common Retirement Fund in *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which culminated in a five-week trial against Arthur Andersen LLP and a recovery for investors of over \$6.15 billion—the second largest securities fraud recovery in history.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 1990, New York. 1990, U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**LAURA H. GUNDERSHEIM** received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, and received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2004. While at Harvard, Ms. Gundersheim was a founding member and the Vice-President of the Harvard Advocates for Reproductive Choices and an executive committee member of the *Women's Law Journal*. While in law school, she worked at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Health Law Advocates, The Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center and the Tenant Advocacy Project.

Since graduating from law school, Ms. Gundersheim's practice has included securities fraud and shareholder derivative litigation on behalf of institutional investor clients, as well as consumer fraud, copyright infringement, and employment discrimination litigation. She was an integral part of the team that prosecuted the landmark *In Re Walt Disney Derivative Litigation* which redefined the fiduciary duties of directors in public companies.

She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation*, *In re Comverse Technology, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, *In re Sunrise Senior Living Securities Litigation*, *In re Openwave Securities Litigation*, *Fleishman v. Huang et al. Derivative Litigation* and *Breese et al v. CooperSurgical, Inc.*

Ms. Gundersheim is a member of the New York Bar Association's Consumer Affairs Committee and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2005, New York. 2005, U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**DAVID R. HASSEL** received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in 1995 from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota in Political Thought, and a J.D. with High Distinction/Special Honors from the University of Iowa in 1999, where he was a member of the *Iowa Law Review* and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*.

Mr. Hassel's practice focuses on securities and complex litigation, as well as corporate governance issues. Together with firm partners Max Berger, Sean Coffey, Steven Singer and Chad Johnson, Mr. Hassel was a member of the team responsible for prosecuting the *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which culminated in a five-week trial against Arthur Andersen LLP and a recovery for investors of over \$6.15 billion—the second largest securities fraud recovery in history. Currently, Mr. Hassel is a senior associate prosecuting *In re Omnicom Inc. Securities Litigation* and *In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation*.



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Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Hassel was a litigation associate at Dewey Ballantine, LLP in its New York office, representing clients in private securities litigation, informal inquiries from the SEC and SROs and general corporate governance issues as well as general commercial litigation.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Massachusetts, 2000. New York, 2002. U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2004.

**AVI JOSEFSON** received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Brandeis University in 1997 and his J.D., *Dean's List*, from Northwestern University in 2000. At Northwestern, Mr. Josefson represented indigent juvenile and adult clients in various courts and was awarded the Justice Stevens Public Interest Fellowship (1999) and the Public Interest Law Initiative Fellowship (2000).

He is a co-author of several articles including "Top 10 Considerations When Seeking Insurance Recovery for E-Commerce and Internet Claims," which he wrote for the ABA, as well as "Political and Currency Risk Insurance" and "It's Not a Small World After All: Meeting the Challenge of Global Risks" which he wrote for the *Manufacturers Alliance Risk Management Councils I & II*.

Mr. Josefson was a member of the team responsible for the successful prosecution of the *Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation Derivative Litigation*, arising from the largest healthcare fraud in history.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Illinois, 2000. New York, 2003.

**MATTHEW P. JUBENVILLE** received a B.A. in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, with distinction, in 2000 from the University of Colorado, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2003, where he was a member of the *San Diego Law Review*.

Mr. Jubenville's practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He was part of the team that successfully prosecuted *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$311 million cash settlement against defendants, including \$21 million from Ernst & Young LLP. Currently, Mr. Jubenville is a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Accredo Health, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *Turnley et al. v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*

Mr. Jubenville practices out of the firm's California office.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, California, 2003. U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, 2006.

**ERIC T. KANEFSKY** received his B.A. in 1999 from The George Washington University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Temple University in 2002, where he was the Associate Research Editor of the *Temple Law Review*. While at Temple, Mr. Kanefsky was a James Beasley First Year Scholar and awarded the Temple University Law Foundation Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year. He was also selected as one of approximately fifteen students to participate in Temple's Federal Judicial Clerkship program, through which he served as a student law clerk to the Hon. Bruce W. Kauffman, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania during his third year of law school. While in law school, Mr. Kanefsky also interned for The Honorable James R. Melinson, Chief Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

After law school, Mr. Kanefsky was a litigation associate in the White Collar and Government Enforcement Group at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP in Philadelphia. Since joining BLBG in 2003, he has worked on numerous high profile cases, including *In re Symbol Technologies Litigation*, which has achieved settlements totaling \$163 million and *In re HealthSouth Bondholders Litigation*, which has achieved settlements totaling \$445 million. Mr. Kanefsky is currently the lead associate representing the English Premier Soccer League and Bourne Music Company in a copyright infringement class action against online video-sharing service YouTube and its parent Google. He is also currently a member of the litigation teams prosecuting *In re R&G Financial Corporation Securities Litigation* and *In re Scottish Re Group Securities Litigation*, both pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2002, Pennsylvania. 2002, New Jersey. 2005, New York. 2003, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. 2003, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey. 2005, U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**TAKEO A. KELLAR** received his B.A., *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of California, Riverside in 1997. He received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2004, where he was an Executive Board Member of the Appellate Moot Court Board.

Mr. Kellar's practice at the firm focuses on securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation. Mr. Kellar was part of the trial team that successfully prosecuted *In re Clarent Corp. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a jury verdict in favor of plaintiffs and against the founder and former Chief Executive Officer of

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Clarent. He was also a member of the team that successfully prosecuted *In re Williams Securities Litigation* resulting in a settlement of \$311 million shortly before trial.

Based in the firm's California office, Mr. Kellar is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Atlas v. Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co., et al.*, *In re Connetics, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re New Century Securities Litigation*; as well as the stock options backdating derivative actions, *In re Activision, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation* and *In re Apollo Group, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2004, California; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

**PAUL A. KEMNITZER** received his B.A. in Accounting in 1988 from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from New York Law School in 2002. During law school, Mr. Kemnitzer served as an Articles Editor for the *New York Law School Law Review*, for which he wrote the article entitled, "The Anti-Competitive Effects of Stranded Costs on the Creation of Municipal Electric Companies."

Mr. Kemnitzer has extensive legal experience in complex commercial litigation and has also served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Carl E. Stewart, Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In addition, Mr. Kemnitzer brings over 10 years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant, having worked for several private and public accounting firms prior to earning his law degree. He also served a four-year term as the elected Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the City of Glens Falls, New York (1994-1997). Mr. Kemnitzer's practice focuses on securities fraud actions and complex commercial litigation. He is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re New Century Securities Litigation* and *In re RAIT Financial Trust Securities Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, New York, 2003. District of Columbia, 2006.

**NOAM MANDEL** received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University in 1998 and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law in 2002 where he served as an Editor for the *Boston University Law Review* and won awards in civil procedure, evidence, and international law. While in law school, he also participated in an exchange program with the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, where he concentrated his studies on international and comparative law.

Mr. Mandel prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients. He has been a member of the litigation teams on several of the firm's recent high profile cases including *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery worth in excess of \$1.3 billion in cash and stock, as well as the securities class action against the *Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation* ("Freddie Mac"), in which a \$410 million settlement was obtained for defrauded investors. More recently, he was a member of the team that prosecuted the *Caremark Merger Litigation*, a shareholder class action contesting the terms of a proposed merger between Caremark Rx, Inc. and CVS Corporation on behalf of Caremark's shareholders. The litigation resulted in over \$3 billion in additional consideration being offered to Caremark shareholders by CVS.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Mandel was a litigation associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where his practice focused on securities, shareholder and ERISA fiduciary matters.

ADMISSIONS: Mr. Mandel is admitted to bar of the State of New York and the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

**LAUREN A. McMILLEN** received her B.A. in History in 1996 from Duke University and her J.D., *cum laude*, in 2000 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was a Research Editor for the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Following law school, Ms. McMillen served as a law clerk for the Honorable Colleen McMahon, District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Ms. McMillen was a litigation associate at Heller Ehrman LLP. She has extensive experience in securities litigation and complex commercial litigation, and has defended various corporations and accounting firms in securities class actions and represented individuals in regulatory investigations before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. McMillen is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re New Century Securities Litigation*, *The Football Association Premier League Limited, et. al. v. YouTube, Inc., et al.*, *In re HealthSouth Bondholder Litigation*, and *In re Converium Holding AG Securities Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, New York. 2001, U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2001. U. S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2006.

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**BRETT M. MIDDLETON** primarily focuses in the areas of securities fraud and auditor liability. He has significant trial experience, having worked with firm partner Blair Nicholas in successfully prosecuting *In re Clarent Corp. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a jury verdict in favor of plaintiffs and against the founder and former CEO of Clarent Corp.

Mr. Middleton was on the litigation team representing the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board in *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$311 million cash settlement against all defendants. The settlement was one of the largest in a securities class action case without a restatement by the defendant company. As part of this action, the team engaged in a massive discovery effort which included taking more than 150 depositions and reviewing in excess of 18 million pages of documents. Mr. Middleton was responsible for the prosecution of the case against Ernst & Young for its 2001 audit of Williams' Energy Marketing & Trading subsidiary and was instrumental in obtaining a settlement from Ernst & Young in the amount of \$21 million.

Most recently, Mr. Middleton assisted firm partners Jerry Silk and Salvatore Graziano in prosecuting a shareholder class action against the directors of *Caremark RX, Inc.* for violations of their fiduciary duties arising from their approval and continued endorsement of a proposed merger with CVS Corporation and their refusal to consider fairly an alternative transaction proposed by Express Scripts, Inc.

Among other matters, Mr. Middleton is currently working with firm partner David Stickney on the *In re Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation* matter. He is also assisting Mr. Stickney in the firm's representation of Amalgamated Bank as lead plaintiff against certain officers and directors of *Activision, Inc.* for their participation in the backdating of stock options. He is also working with Mr. Nicholas in prosecuting the federal derivative action against the individuals involved in the options backdating scandal at *Apollo Group, Inc.* which is the parent company of the University of Phoenix.

Mr. Middleton graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1993 and received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1998. He is an active member of the Federal Bar Association and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego. Mr. Middleton practices out of the firm's California office.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to the State Bar of California, 1998; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, 1998; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, 2002; and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 2005.

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Mr. Mills' practice concentrates on Class Action Settlements and Settlement Administration. Mr. Mills also has experience representing large financial institutions in corporate finance transactions.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, New York, 2003. United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 2007.

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ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Texas, 2004. New York, 2005.

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Mr. Rizio-Hamilton has extensive experience in civil and criminal litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he clerked for the Honorable Chester J. Straub of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In that capacity, he worked on cases involving an accountant's duty to correct under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and a question of first impression regarding class certification under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3). Prior to clerking for Judge Straub, Mr. Rizio-Hamilton clerked for the Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, New York, 2005.



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Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Robinson worked as a litigation associate at Torys LLP in Toronto, Canada, during which time he co-authored numerous publications, including one of the first books published in Canada regarding new private sector privacy litigation. Mr. Robinson has extensive experience in securities and general commercial litigation.

Along with firm partners Max Berger, Sean Coffey, Sal Graziano and John Browne, Mr. Robinson is a member of the team prosecuting *In re Refco, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which is currently pending in the Southern District of New York. Mr. Robinson is also a member of the teams responsible for prosecuting *In re Isolagen, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *In re R&G Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, Ontario, Canada, 2000. New York, 2007.

**MATTHEW P. SIBEN** received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, *summa cum laude*, in 1996 and received his J.D. in 2000 from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, where he was an Executive Editor for the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review* and an Editor of the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

Mr. Siben has prosecuted a number of major securities fraud class actions, including *In re Enron*, *In re UnitedHealth Group*, and *In re NYSE Specialists Securities Litigation*. He also has experience prosecuting consumer fraud class actions.

Based in the firm's California office, Mr. Siben is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Atlas v. Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co., et al.*, *In re Connectics, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *Police & Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit v. SafeNet, Inc., et al.*, *In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Derivative Shareholder Litigation*, and *In re International Rectifier Corp. Securities Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2001, New York. 2001, Massachusetts. 2002, California.

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Ms. Sinderson's practice focuses on securities fraud and class action litigation. She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Washington Mutual, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *Mohammed Al-Beitawi, et al., v. Fremont General Corporation, et al.*, *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*; *In re Dollar General*, a shareholder class action pending in Tennessee state court, and *In re Comverse Technology, Inc. Derivative Shareholder Litigation*, the stock options backdating case currently pending in the Eastern District of New York.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, New York, 2007.

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Mr. Thorpe has significant experience prosecuting several major class and individual securities actions on behalf of institutional clients. Some of the notable cases in which he served as lead counsel include *In re AOL Time Warner Individual Opt-Out Litigation* (\$600 million recovery), comprising both *The Regents of the University of California et al., v. Parsons, et al.* (\$260 million recovery) and *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, et al., v. Richard D. Parsons, et al.* (\$175 million recovery), as well as *In re Amazon.com, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$27 million recovery).

Mr. Thorpe practices out of the firm's California office and is currently a member of the teams prosecuting the *Tyco International, Ltd. Opt-Out Litigation*, *Countrywide Financial Corporation Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, *CheckFree Corporation Securities Litigation*, as well as the *In re Linear Technology Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2001, California.

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Following law school, Mr. Webber served as a law clerk for the Honorable Harold A. Ackerman, United States Senior District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Mr. Webber was a litigation associate at Patterson Belknap Webb and Tyler LLP. He has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation, including bondholder and creditors committee actions, consumer fraud cases, fiduciary duty litigation, and false claims (*Qui Tam*) actions. He has also represented clients in internal investigations and civil litigation including international arbitration, employment discrimination and Fair Labor Standards Act violations. In addition, Mr. Webber has litigated on behalf of domestic violence survivors, and was honored in 2005 with a Pro Bono Award from The Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Webber is currently a member of the teams prosecuting the *In re Refco, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *UnitedHealth Group, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2002, New Jersey. 2004, New York. 2002, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey. 2005, United States District Court, Southern District of New York. 2005, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York. 2005, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Court.

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Mr. Wierzbowski's practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. He is currently a member of the teams prosecuting the *UnitedHealth Group, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation* and the *Mutual Fund Investment Multi-District Litigation*, which includes the actions *In re Invesco*, *In re MFS* and *In re Pilgrim Baxter*.

ADMISSIONS: Admitted to bar, 2004, New York. 2005, U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Worm served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff, United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. Prior to that, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Federico A. Moreno, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Worm also worked as a litigation associate at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP in Chicago where he represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil and criminal cases.

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